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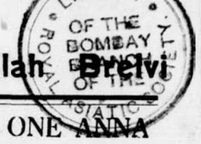

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CRIPPS-NEHRU SCHEME OF NATIONAL GOVT.

Delhi Waiting For War Cabinet's Approval

Mahasabha Agrees To Co-operate

Congress And League Executives To Discuss Formula To-day

According to our New Delhi correspondent "an agreement has very nearly been reached on the Defence formula, thanks to the efforts of the American envoy, Mr. Johnson."

The formula provides for clear division of functions—Gen. Wavell to be supreme Commander for conduct of the war under the British War Cabinet, while the Indian Defence Minister acting under the authority of the National Government will be in charge of the Defence policy and organisation, so far as Indian forces are concerned.

WILL JAWAHAR BECOME DEFENCE MINISTER?

Poth Sir Stafford and Mr. Johnson are reported to be anxious that Pt. Jawaharlal should agree to be the Defence Minister.

According to the Associated Press message from Delhi, "So far as the Congress is concerned, there will be no difficulty or delay in the establishment of a National Government in India."

MAHASABHA FALLS IN LINE

Mr. Savarkar, who had an interview with the Governor of Bombay on Thursday afternoon, is reported to have communicated to Sir Stafford Cripps through Sir Roger Lumley, Mahasabha's willingness to join the National Government. They have been offered two seats on the Executive Council.

The Working Committees of the Congress and the Muslim League will meet to-day (Friday) again to consider the new formula.

DISCUSSION ON NEW FORMULA

NEW DELHI, April 9.

The Congress Working Committee rose at 4-30 p.m. and will be meeting to-morrow morning at 8-30.

It is learned that besides the Congress, the Muslim League and the Hindu Mahasabha, other political parties have also been informed of the new Defence formula.

Azad And Jawahar Meet Cripps

NEW DELHI, April 9.

Maulana Azad, Congress President and Pandit Nehru arrived at the residence of Sir Stafford Cripps at 5-25 p.m. and were received by Sir Stafford Cripps who took them in.

DEFENCE MEMBER v. C.-IN-C.

NEW DELHI, April 9.

Another full day session awaits the Congress Working Committee and according to present anticipation it will be in session for another three days at least.

It is believed that the British Government have expressed willingness in principle to accept the position that the National Government should have all portfolios under their charge including defence. It is not yet settled what precise line of demarcation will be drawn between the powers of the Defence Member and the functions and responsibilities of the Commander-in-Chief.

Proposals under discussion, it seems, imply a voluntary agreement whereby the Defence Minister would abdicate certain powers in favour of the Commander-in-Chief during wartime. The National Government, however, would have powers to raise home guards and national militia.

All these proposals, however, are under discussion and bare principles underlying the establishment of a National Government and transfer of control of defence and implied subjects have been tentatively agreed to.

Optimism regarding the final outcome has to be reserved till the decision is announced. Negotiations are expected to be of protracted nature.

Latest From Delhi

Congress Less Optimistic

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, April 9.

"What we want is self-Government, in Defence" said an important member of the Working Committee at the end of to-day's meeting.

The whole day was spent in discussions which included a three hour conference between Sir Stafford Cripps and Congress Leaders Maulana Azad and Pt. Nehru.

Describing what happened today one member said, "You can call it the Second Reading stage of the Bill."

It appears on the basis of certain principles mutually agreed upon, details are now being examined of proposed division of functions and responsibilities between Commander-in-Chief and by Defence Minister.

The application of principles in deciding which subjects should come under Defence Minister and what should be his powers appears to have brought several difficulties necessitating long conferences. One member said, it may take three or four days more for concluding the talks.

Comments heard this evening in Congress circles are less optimistic owing unexpected difficulties which have emerged in today's discussions.

It is understood instructions from the War Cabinet are being awaited for settling points of difference which have arisen today.

LEAGUE'S FINAL TERMS

NEW DELHI, April 9.

The Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League are expected to communicate to Sir Stafford Cripps to-morrow their reply to the draft British declaration and the new formula regarding Defence, the whole of which they

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VICHY AT CROSS-ROADS

Wilhelmstrasse Ultimatum Demands Full Co-operation

BASLE, April 9.

Vichy is at the cross-roads and must decide its attitude towards the 'New Order' immediately. This is the present attitude of the Wilhelmstrasse, says "Basler Nachrichten" to-day commenting on the fact that after repeatedly affirming unconcern over the recent talk between M. Laval and Marshal Petain, the Wilhelmstrasse has now changed its tune. According to the correspondent's statement the time for waiting is passed. Those in Marshal Petain's entourage, who are hindering co-operation, must go.

More and more Chinese troops pour into Burma daily.

Several Merchantships And Two British Cruisers Sunk

Increased Jap Activity In Bay Of Bengal And Indian Ocean: Trincomalee Bombed

NEW DELHI, April 9.

Recent enemy naval and air attacks against shipping in the Bay of Bengal resulted in the sinking of several merchant ships says a Communique. Some four to five hundred survivors from these ships have been landed at various points on the Orissa coast. They are receiving all necessary care and attention under arrangements made by the local Governments.

Two Br. Cruisers Sunk In Indian Ocean

An Admiralty Communique from London announcing the sinking of the two cruisers says: "The Board of Admiralty regrets to announce that the cruisers H.M.S. "Dorsetshire" (Capt. A. W. S. Agar) and H.M.S. "Cornwall" (Capt. P. O. W. Mainwaring) have been sunk by Japanese air attacks in the Indian Ocean. It is known that more than 1,100 survivors, including the commanding officers of both the ships, have been picked up. No further details are yet available."

TRINCOMALEE BOMBED

COLOMBO, April 9.

A communique says that there was a Japanese air attack over Trincomalee this morning.

A communique states: "Enemy air attacks developed over Trincomalee this Thursday morning.

Further details will be given later.

First reports indicate that there were no civilian casualties.

At the same time two enemy aircraft were sighted over Colombo.

No bombs were dropped".—A. P.

(Trincomalee is a port and naval station on the north-east coast of Ceylon. It possesses a grand harbour and has a garrison of artillery and infantry. Population 29,500.)

CEYLON GOVERNOR'S ADVICE

"There is no reason for anybody to leave the city" declared the Governor Sir Andrew Caldecott addressing a large gathering at Pettah (old city). He added, "You know what the casualties were. They were less than 50, while the casualties in Colombo area were 20. This is much less than the daily casualties from street accidents in London. That the Japanese will come here again is pretty certain but we all know what they are in for."

Mandalay In Ruins

NEW DELHI, April 8.

From A. P. special correspondent:—

Mandalay, Burma's No. 1 city since Rangoon was lost, was bombed mercilessly to-day by Japanese planes damaging Churches, hospitals and dwelling houses, which were mainly of wood and caught fire easily. Hours after the raid the conflagration was still not brought under control. There is no estimate of the casualties but they are believed to be heavy.

Kipling's Mandalay now lies practically in ruins and Good Friday of 1942 will be an unforgottable day for the city.—A. P.

Lt. General the Hon. H. R. L. G. Alexander, General Officer Commanding the Army in Burma.

ROUND-UP OF BURMESE FIFTH COLUMNISTS

CHUNGKING, April 9.

Reuter's special correspondent in Burma writes:

The Japanese Eighteenth Division is at present concentrated in an area to the north-West of Chiengmai, apparently for the purpose of striking north-westward into the Shan States to cut the railway between Mandalay and Lashio.

So far, however, the Japanese forces on the Chinese left wing have not made any major thrust across the border.

CHINESE EXPLOITS IN TOUNGOO

With the conclusion of the Toungoo campaign, further information about the battle may now be given. Chinese forces at Toungoo, according to published reports, were never actually surrounded by the Japanese.

Three thousand Japanese troops in two columns tried unsuccessfully to encircle the Chinese by moving around their flanks and about 500 Japanese in plain clothes with five anti-tank guns reached and air field north of Toungoo cutting the highway.

This force was quickly liquidated by the Chinese, whose position at Toungoo remained secure.

A report reaching Chungking from the Chinese Headquarters on the Salween River front says that among the prisoners recently taken was one German officer.

Many Burmese Fifth Columnists have been rounded up, but they are still causing much trouble, burning and looting Chinese property in Burma and ambushing small isolated Chinese units.—Reuter.

BRIEF ALERT AT COLOMBO

COLOMBO:—The air raid alert on Thursday morning was shorter than Sunday's. A few enemy planes appeared. British planes and anti-aircraft defences were in action.—A. P.

HOW THEY WERE SUNK

LONDON, April 9.

From Reuter's Naval Correspondent:

The loss of cruisers "Dorsetshire" and "Cornwall" is serious news. They wele sunk by an air attack in Indian Ocean. The fact that from the two cruisers there are more than 1,100 survivors from complements of 1,500 men, suggests either that other ships were present in the engagement or that it took place near land, possibly even a port. It is doubtful, however, whether they had aircraft protection. It would almost appear as though the attack had been made from Japanese aircraft carriers, whose presence in the Bay of Bengal was revealed by a sterile attack upon Colombo.—Reuter.

SIT WHERE YOU ARE IN AIR RAIDS

People congregated in large numbers in a meeting or elsewhere should not move in the event of an air raid alarm sounding. The wisest course for them is to sit in their seats, until the raid is over.

STOP PRESS

NAZI PLANES OVER BRITAIN

LONDON, April 10.

An Air Ministry "Communique" states: "This morning two enemy aircraft dropped bombs on a town on the south coast of England. There was a small number of casualties and some damage was caused. Otherwise up to 8 p.m. there has been nothing to report".—Reuter.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON KALININ FRONT

MOSCOW: Heavy fighting is going on on several sectors of the Kalinin front, according to the "Red Star" correspondent. Soviet troops are forging ahead inflicting severe losses on the Germans who, in some places, are being forced to abandon one fortified position after another. In attempt to restore the situation, the Germans have recourse to counter-attacks and even initiate offensive operations. As the result of one such attempt, a heavy battle developed in one sector where two German divisions and a large force of tanks were concentrated. The Luftwaffe gave full support to the advancing Germans. After two days fighting, in which they sustained heavy losses, the Germans were forced to resume their retreat.

AMERICANS STUNNED

NEW YORK, April 9. Americans are stunned by the news of the Japanese success in Bataan. They have been so proud of the feats of Gen. MacArthur's and subsequently Gen. Wainwright's men on the Bataan Peninsula and their dogged defence. Early evening papers of New York carry the news in heavy black type.

Gen. Wainwright received a "broadcast letter from home" yesterday when in the course of a broadcast programme for the Philippines, shortwaved from San Francisco, he heard a message from his wife and a bark from his dog "Seal"

End Of Heroic Stand Of Philippines

ROOSEVELT CONFERS WITH WAR MINISTER: WAINWRIGHT AUTHORISED TO TAKE DECISION

WASHINGTON, April 9.

The heroic three months stand by American and Filipino troops against overwhelming Japanese forces in the Bataan Peninsula is believed to have ended at last.

After the fresh Japanese attack against their new line, Maj. Gen. Wainwright, the American Commander in the Philippines flashed a message to Washington saying that the counter-attack had "failed owing to the complete physical exhaustion of troops."

A Japanese message said: "Had enveloped the defenders east flank."

A United States War Department 'communique' announcing this says full details of the battle are not yet available but "the situation indicates the probability that the defences of Bataan have been overcome."

Gen. Wainwright's message came from Fort Mills but how many defenders managed to reach this stronghold is not at present known.

TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE

The text of the 'communique' says: "The message from Gen. Wainwright at Fort Mills states that the Japanese attack on Bataan succeeded in enveloping the east flank of our lines in the position held by the Second Corps. An attack by the First Corps, ordered to relieve the situation, failed due to the complete physical exhaustion of troops. Full details are not available but this situation indicates the probability that the defences of Bataan have been overcome."

ROOSEVELT CONFERS WITH WAR MINISTER

WASHINGTON: — President Roosevelt held an early morning conference at the White House with the War Minister, Mr. Stimson, presumably on the critical situation in the Philippiries. The President is also lunching with Mr. Stimson.

President Roosevelt has authorised Gen. Wainwright to make any decision he deemed necessary.

American and Filipino troops guarding the defences at Corregidor and other islands, the wounded, nearly 20,000 civilian refugees and 6,000 Filipino non-combatant labourers were not included.

NO DEARTH OF MUNITIONS

Mr. Stimson disclosed that under the direction of Brig.-Gen. Patrick Hurley, former Secretary for War and now Minister in New Zealand, urgent efforts were made beginning on January 11 to reinforce the besieged Philippines forces. From a base in Australia several shiploads of supplies were sent to the Philippines and part of these supplies reached Corregidor and Bataan. "But for every ship that arrived, we lost nearly two ships", Mr. Stimson said. Because of these supplies,

the defenders were never short of ammunition but had been on short rations.

DEFENDERS OUTNUMBERED

American and Filipino troops were overwhelmingly outnumbered in the Bataan Peninsula. As long ago as February 10 the War Department were able to identify five Japanese Divisions at Bataan.

Philippine reports indicate that Corregidor and other Manila Bay Forts, are still standing.

Mr. Stimson at a Press Conference said Gen. Wainwright's force in Bataan numbered 36,853 and indicated that the bulk were either killed or captured.

General Wainwright has been advised of a successful raid by one of his patrols on Mindanao which captured a Japanese outpost in a surprise attack and forced withdrawal of several hostile units.

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JAPS OCCUPY LORENGAU

MELBOURNE, April 9.

A 'communique' on Thursday says: "Reconnaissance over the Admiralty Islands yesterday shows that Lorengau has been occupied by the Japanese. The date of the landing is not known, but probably it was some time ago."—Reuter.

JAPS RAID TOWN IN SOLOMONS

Allies Bomb Tokio Ships In Rabaul

MELBOURNE, April 9.

An Australian Communique says five Japanese bombers raided Tulagi in the Solomon Islands today dropping thirty to forty bombs from 5,000 feet. Some damage was caused to buildings but there were no casualties.

ALLIES RAID SHIPPING AT RABAUL

A heavy and successful raid against Japanese shipping and aerodrome at Rabaul this afternoon is reported in a message from Port Moresby. Though full details are not yet available, it is known that many aircraft were destroyed on the ground and others damaged. Enemy personnel was machine-gunned and casualties inflicted. Raiders dived on to their targets with great skill and daring.

JAPANESE ON DEFENSIVE IN BR. NEW GUINEA

Reports from Port Moresby emphasise the hopes of the troops that the Allies are rapidly gaining strength to enable them to clear the Japanese out of Lae, Salamua and Rabaul and open the way for an onslaught northwards. The hopes have been strengthened by the fact that though the Japanese seized Lae and Salamua as bases from which to force Port Moresby to submit, these outposts are rapidly becoming the graveyards for Japanese ambition. If the major Japanese forces could be pushed back to Rabaul, they would be a concentrated target for the Allied air forces, which have been built up to a stage, when the earlier blows could be multiplied many times.

The Japanese fear of losing Rabaul is taken as the reason for their occupation of Bougainville and the Admiralty Islands, which they can use as warning posts in the event of an Allied offensive.

JAPANESE ON DEFENSIVE

It is undisputable that whether temporarily or permanently the Japanese are on the defensive in the New Guinea area and their time-table has been disrupted. Port Moresby was raided only twice in April—both times on a small scale.

FULLER BENNETT REPORT

The Army Minister, Mr. Forde, said the Bennett report mentioned in messages from London was only a summary.

A comprehensive report covering all phases of the Malayan campaign was now on its way to the War Office.

REPATRIATION OF DIPLOMATS

TOKYO, April 9.

The Domei Agency says that the Japanese authorities in Hongkong are to repatriate 63 Allied diplomats, including Addison E. Southard, the American Consul-General in accordance with the agreement concerning the exchange of diplomats which has been reached between Japan and the United States and Britain. The number includes 49 Americans two Dutch, five Belgians, three Norwegians and four Canadians.—Reuter.

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City Engineer.

Municipal Offices,
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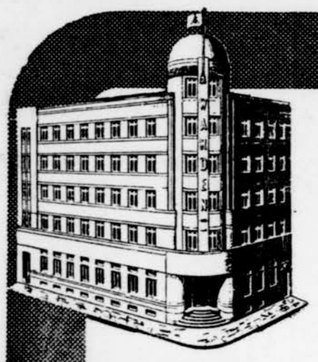

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Hightide: 7-40, 20-42; Lowtide: 2-09, 14-04

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

SWASTIK—"Nirdosh" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Naya Sansar" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Malan" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Hold Back The Dawn" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"You Will Never Get Rich" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Sohana Geet" 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
NEW WEST-END—"Doctor" 3-30, 6-15 and 9
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap" 2-30, 5-45 and 8-45 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Pyas" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Taj Mahal" 3-30, 6-15 and 9
AURORA—"Sikandar" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Shadi" 4, 5-45 and 9-45 p.m.
EDWARD—"Pagal" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—"Blood and Sand" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Khilauna" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15, 5-45 and 9 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Apna Ghar" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Society" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
CENTRAL—"Pahla Pana" 3-30, 6-15 and 9
METRO—"One Foot in Heaven", 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
REGAL—"Keep 'em Flying', 4, 6-30 & 9-30

HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS HOSPITAL: Medical practitioners desirous of volunteering their services for A. R. Casualty, are requested to see the Hon. Secretary between 6-0 to 7-0 p.m. at the Sir Hurkisondas Nurrotumdas Hospital premises.

MUSLIM EMPLOYEES' QUOTA TO LEAGUE FUND: In response to Mr. Jinnah's appeal for funds, the Muslim employees of the British India Press have voluntarily contributed a sum of Rs. 101, being a small proportion of the wages to the funds of the All-India Muslim League.

B. C. S. M. C. DRIVERS' UNION: The Office of the Bombay City and Suburban Motor-Car Drivers' Union remains open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and again from 4 p.m. to 8-30 p.m. The membership fee is Annas 8 for admission and Annas 4 per month. The Office of the Union is 6 D.N. Manzil, Congress House Bombay, 4.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 9 will meet near Sandhurst Bridge East Side (Opera House) to-morrow (Saturday), at 6-51 a.m. (B.T.), to go round the Ward.

Residents of the Ward who have grievances to represent should be present at the appointed place and time.

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN.)

A domestic quarrel with two brothers-in-laws has resulted in the death of one of them. It is alleged on March 28 last, Narayan Shanvar Lola and Vithal Dharma Koli, both fishermen from a fishing village in Danda, Bandra, had a quarrel over some domestic matter. It is alleged Narayan stabbed Vithal with the results that he received serious injuries near the head and was removed to the K. E. M. Hospital, where he died yesterday morning. Narayan has been arrested by the Bandra police.

The Suburban Congress Committee is now busy organising the P.V.B. throughout the Suburban area. Recently the Bandra Committee headed by Mr. Deshpande, Mr. H. Ratanchand and others have been holding meetings at various villages.

On Tuesday night meetings were held at Chapel Road and Chimbai when it was decided to form P.V.B. committee.

Government of Bombay's A.R.P. scheme is making a rapid headway throughout the suburban area.

Like Bandra and other surrounding places even the villages in the remote parts of the suburbs are undergoing regular training in A.R.P. Meetings of wardens are now held throughout the Suburban area weekly and in some cases twice a week.

To-day's Complete Black-out

There will be a complete black-out in the existing black-out areas in Bombay City from sunset to 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) to-day (Friday).

This is intended as a trial, as it may be necessary in certain circumstances to impose a complete black-out from sunset onwards instead of from 10 p.m. as at present.

"Apnaghar" In High Court

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Blackwell.)

Messrs Evergreen Pictures.....Plaintiffs.

vs.

The Cine Industries Recording Co., Ltd. .....Defendants.

This was a Notice of Motion taken out by the Plaintiffs for an Injunction restraining the Defendants from transferring or encumbering the exploitation, exhibition, distribution and/or sale rights of their picture "Apna Ghar" for complete overseas territories (excluding Singapore, Java and Suva Fiji territories).

The Plaintiffs filed this suit on 24th March 1942 for specific performance of an Agreement dated 2nd September 1941 as regards the picture "Apna Ghar" between the Plaintiffs as the Distributors and the Defendant—company for sale of the overseas exploitation rights 'inter alia' of the picture "Apna Ghar" to the Plaintiffs at the price of Rs. 6,250.

The Defendants contended on affidavit that the picture "Apna Ghar" was not yet ready for overseas exploitation, and further submitted that on a construction of the Agreement of 2nd September 1941, the Plaintiffs were not entitled to insist on specific performance of that Agreement, if the Defendants paid Rs 6,250 to the Plaintiffs being the amount fixed by that Agreement itself as damages for non-delivery of the picture.

In answer to this contention, Counsel for the Plaintiffs relied on the provisions of Section 58 of the Indian Sale of Goods Act, 1930 whereby the Court may decree the specific performance of a contract for the Sale of Goods without giving the Defendants the Option of retaining the goods and paying damages instead.

After the hearing had proceeded for some time, on the Defendants undertaking by Counsel not to transfer, encumber or otherwise deal with the film in terms of prayer (a) of the Notice of Motion as regards the Hindi version thereof, His Lordship made no order on the Notice of Motion except that costs be costs in the cause. His Lordship expedited the hearing of the suit and ordered that it be placed on some board, subject to part-heard, on 15th June 1942.

Mr. N. P. Engineer instructed by Messrs. Smetham Byrne and Lambert appeared for the Plaintiffs in support of the Notice of Motion.

Mr K. M. Munshi instructed by Messrs. Kamdar & Co. appeared for the Defendants to oppose the Notice of Motion.

PVB

P. V. B. EXHIBITION

To-day (Friday) at 5-30 p.m.: Patrolling and signalling demonstration:

APPEAL TO PUBLIC

The General Secretary of the P.V.B. in an appeal to the public, says:

Towards the middle of February last, the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee took the initiative in forming the People's Volunteer Brigade, a representative body of citizens intended for organising non-official efforts for self-defence in the dangerous times ahead.

The functions of the P.V.B. are manifold. We have made a call for 50,000 volunteers. About 10,000 of these will be trained for special and technical services, such as First Aid, Home Nursing, Patrol, Rescue, Relief, Evacuation, Transport and the distribution of necessaries of life. The training in all these departments is now well under way.

All these essential activities of self-defence will involve the P.V.B. in a heavy expenditure the exact estimate of which is very difficult accurately to forecast. This is a new experience for us all just as the danger that threatens us is new. Our approximate estimate of expenditure based on the budgeted grants to different departments comes to over three lacs of rupees. About half of this will go towards the purchase of essential materials and an equal portion will be necessary for the running of the vast administrative machinery which we have set working in every nook and corner of the City.

For the success of this great undertaking we must naturally rely on the support of the citizens of Bombay. We have not so far made any public appeal for funds for this great cause. We feel that the time has now come to approach the people of Bombay with an appeal for generous donations to this people's cause. The P.V.B. hereby makes that appeal in the fullest confidence that it will be promptly and generously responded to. If there was any cause in which time was of the greatest essence, it is this cause of self-defence.

All contributions should be directed to the "Treasurer, P.V.B.", Congress House, Bombay 4.

NATIONAL & P. V. B. WEEK

TO-DAY'S (FRIDAY) PROGRAMME.

At 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) public meeting at Colaba Wadi President: M. Y. Nurie; Speakers: Shri P. K. Sawant, N. B. Vara, and R. A. Khedgikar.

P.V.B. Self-Protection Exhibition: Open from 5 to 8 p.m. (S.T.)

To-day's Special Demonstration: 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) First Aid Demonstration.

No admission fee for the Exhibition as well as for the demonstration

The General Secretary of the B.P.C.C. announces that Sir Chunilal Bahichand Mehta has consented to be a member of the General Body of the P.V.B.

P. V. B. Medical Committee

The General Secretary of the P.V.B. announces:—

The Board of Control of the P.V.B. has appointed the following Medical Committee of the P.V.B. with Dr. M.D.D. Gilder, C.M.O., as its Chairman: Drs. J. A. Collaco, Geo. Coelho, Mrs. Dossibai J. R. Dadabhoy, S. N. Ganti, Chamanlal Mehta, Jivraj Mehta, T. R. Naravane, U. B. Narayan Rao, B. G. Vad, S. G. Vengsarkar, B. B. Yodh and R. Naidu.

Mahim A. R. P. Committee

The Chairman and members of the Mahim A.R.P. Committee will be at home at 5-45 p.m. on Saturday, when there will be refreshments and a 6-15 p.m. lecture by the A.R.P. Controller, Mr. D. Symington, I.C.S.

GIRGAUM CONGRESS COMMITTEE: There will be a procession of all Council members and Congress Workers as well as P.V.B. Volunteers to-day (Friday), under the auspices of the Girgaum District Congress Committee as a part programme of National Week. The procession will start from the Congress House at 7-30 a.m. (S.T.)

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS: The Joint Hon. Secretary, Bombay National Guards, writes:—"All members of the Bombay National Guards are requested to be present in the Congress House Compound, to-day (Friday), at 8-0 p.m. (S.T.) to receive flags and instructions".

PUBLIC MEETING AT SANTA CRUZ: A public meeting will be held to-day (Friday), at 8 a.m. (S.T.) at Mahadevi Podar Vidyabhavan.

Smt. Gangaben Patel and Mr. B. G. Kher will speak on 'Civil Defence'.

LALJI NARANJI MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: A meeting of the members of the Lalji Naranji Memorial Committee and the Donors to the Memorial Fund will be held to-day (Friday), at 4 p.m. (S.T.), at the Office of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, to pass the final Report and Accounts.

A.R.P. LECTURES BY B.M.U.: Owing to complete black-out to-day (Friday), the lecture on "High Explosives" by Mr. K. M. Khareghat, is postponed to Monday (13th inst.) at 7-30 p.m. (S.T.), at the Bombay Medical Union Hall. The other lectures will be held as announced before i.e. on 14th, 17th and 21st inst. at 7-30 p.m. (S.T.).

A.R.P. COMMITTEE, MATUNGA: K.D. Bharucha, Esqr., Class III Instructor will deliver a lecture on "Elementary Protection against H.E. Bomb" at 9 p.m. in Divisional Headquarters, Matunga, to-day (Friday).

BOMBAY WAR GIFTS FUND: "A donation to the Bombay War Gifts Fund of Rs. 6,200/8/- has been received from the Committee of the Millowners' Association, Bombay, ear-marked for "Dependents of Indian Fighting Services".

Jailed For Cheating Public Service Commission

BOMBAY, Thursday.

R. S. Kamath, formerly Assistant Labour Officer, Bombay, was sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment by the Chief Presidency Magistrate being found guilty on charges of cheating the Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission and making false representations to a Government officer.

The accused, according to the prosecution made three false representations in his application for the post of Assistant Labour Officer to the Public Service Commission. His date of birth was given in the application as 27th August, 1918, though he was born in August 1914. In the application, he stated that he was a first class graduate, but really he did not pass with distinction. Lastly, he stated that he had not previously applied to the Public Service Commission, though he had applied twice before. Because of these false representations, he was selected by the Public Service Commission and appointed by the Government. The fraud was detected some months after his appointment, and he was prosecuted.

The Magistrate remarked that it was a painful case, but he could not take a lenient view of the offence, as it was a well-laid out and carefully prepared plan to cheat the Public Service Commission.

On the evidence before the Court, the accused was sentenced as above.

BURMA INDIAN ASSOCIATION

At a meeting held at Rander (Surat District) of the representatives of Indians having interests in Burma, the Burma Indian Association Surat, was established to safeguard Indian rights in Burma.

The Association's chief objects are to help Indian evacuees from Burma in every way possible, to submit to the Government of India claims of Burma Indians for compensation in respect of loss caused to them by the destruction of their property as a result either of the 'scorched earth' policy or loot and arson by criminal and hooligans or through other causes, and to recover through the Government of India payment of the price of goods and commodities sold to the Government of Burma or to the military authorities or requisitioned by them.

Membership is open to all Indians having any interest in Burma. Communications may be addressed to the Secretary, No. 70, Bhagatalao Road, Surat.

POSTAL NOTICE: With immediate effect, mail communication to British New Guinea is suspended. In consequence, no postal article or money order for that country will be accepted for booking at Post Office counters.

ON THE AIR

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Delhi, I—Programme.

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian troops. 5 Midhat-i-Sultan-i-Madina. 5-20 Instrumental duet. 5-30 R. R. Chowdhury. 5-20 Gordhan Das. 6-35 Ramzan Khan. 6-55 Bhajan Lal. 7 Ishrat Begam 7-15 The Spring Offensive, 3. 7-30 It has happened. 7-35 R. R. Chowdhury. 7-45 For villagers only. 8-30 An economist looks at the world. 8-45 Anwarbai. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Gordhan Das. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Mahmood Qawwal and party. 10-20 Ishrat Begam. 10-30 Anwarbai.

Bombay I—Programme.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Alamgir Khan. 7-50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English. 8-10 Roshanara Begam. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Jafar Qawwal. 9-20 H. W. Ruikar. 12-30 p.m. Group of Ghazals. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Marathi film songs. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 H. W. Ruikar. 5-20 Kumudini Vyavaharker. 5-30 Jafar Qawwal. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Alamgir Khan. 6 News in English. 6-10 News in Hindustani. 6-20 Local news and announcements. 6-25 Local news and announcements. 6-30 Children's half-hour. 7 Berlin-chya Batmya. 7-15 World affairs. 7-30 Jayram Shiledar. 7-45 News commentary. 7-50 Bhajan. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Our the Universities. 8-45 Newsgram. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Instrumental music. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Roshanara Begam.

Bombay II—Programme.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m As in Bombay 1. 7-50 Jayram Shiledar. 8 Jafar Qawwal 8-10 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Air Sextet. 9 Kumudini Vyavaharkar. 9-10 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

12-30 to 2-05 p.m. As in Bombay 1

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

5 to 6 p.m As in Bombay 1. 6 Jayram Shiledar. 6-10 H. W. Ruikar. 6-20 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 7-45 to 8 As in Bombay 1. 8 Alamgir Khan. 8-15 Roshanara Begam. 8-30 to 9 Air Orchestra. 9-10 Jayram Shiledar. 9-20 Jafar Qawwal. 9-30 Sebastian Vaz and his Orchestra. 10 Cesar Coelho. 10-15 Sebastian Vaz and his Orchestra.

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A NATIONAL GOVT.?

The latest reports from Delhi about constitutional talks seem too good to be true, but we must beware of hallooing till we are out of the wood. Reports from different sources agree that "a general understanding on the main points of discussion is nearly reached" and that "so far as the Congress is concerned there will be no difficulty or delay in the establishment of a National Government in India." Our own Correspondent is more definite and says that a Defence formula has been generally accepted which "provides for clear division of functions—General Wavell to be Supreme Commander for the conduct of the war under the War Cabinet, while the Indian Defence Minister, acting under the authority of the National Government, will be in charge of Defence policy and organisation, so far as Indian forces are concerned." If the facts are as stated, both the Congress and Sir Stafford Cripps deserve to be congratulated, as also outside friends like Col. Johnson who are reported to have striven hard to bring the two together. But the "if" must be reckoned with.

Adjustment

Assuming that an honourable settlement has been arrived at with regard to Defence, it may be more safely assumed that other subjects have been more completely transferred to Indian control. But what about those proposals of Sir Stafford which deal with self-determination after the war and permit the partition of India? It is impossible to expect that the Congress has accepted them without radical changes, though it has wisely put most emphasis on the immediate changes. It is equally impossible to expect that Sir Stafford and the War Cabinet have been less accommodating about the procedure of self-determination after the uncompromising opposition to the objectionable features therein from a number of political bodies including the Congress. One may presume that Sir Stafford has accepted important changes in this matter. And, after all, it is open to the expected National Government to formulate an agreed or at least a more acceptable procedure for self-determination.

Wanted Transfer Of Power

What may be the reaction of the Muslim League and the Hindu Mahasabha and other smaller bodies to the reported understanding between Congress and Sir Stafford? The Mahasabha has already agreed to join the proposed National Government even though its objection to the clause in the draft proposal giving freedom to the provinces not to join the Indian Union still remains. The League is not satisfied with the partial concession to the Pakistan principle and demands its fuller recognition. But it may, like the Mahasabha, agree to join the National Government provided a due number of seats are offered to it, of course, without prejudice to its views on Pakistan. As the Congress has always fought for the transfer of power to the people and not for itself, there will not be any serious difficulty in the distribution of seats in the National Government. Let us hope that a real National Government is installed at once. This vital reform brooks no further delay.

Rommel Resumes Offensive

A recent British raid into the Axis lines right up to Martuba and subsequent special reports of the widespread activities of British advance units had led us to expect resumption of offensive by the Eighth Army. The situation, however, would seem to be developing the other way round. It is announced from Cairo that Axis columns have been showing increased activity in the forward area since Monday last. This is evidently a prelude to something big on the part of the Axis, coinciding as it does with an intensification of air attacks on Malta and renewal of raids on Alexandria. Moreover, G.H.Q., Cairo, regarded it as sufficiently significant to require a special communique about it. The turn of events is disappointing and it is difficult to understand why the long period of lull should not have increased the striking chances of the British rather than those of General Rommel who is operating at the end of a long line of communications and whose life line across the Mediterranean is so weak and precarious. Anyway, let us hope the Eighth Army will beat back the Axis drive.

But the importance of this drive is not confined to Libya alone. As "Annalist" the well-known British commentator, expects, "the offensive in Libya would probably be the curtain raiser to a show of aggressive power in more than one theatre of war". Where? There are, for Germany, three other theatres of war, one existing, the other two potential. The existing theatre which is Russia cannot become active on a German 'blitz' scale except after three or four weeks. The potential theatre in the region of the western Mediterranean does not seem likely to materialise. Spain has just come to an economic arrangement with the U.S.A. as regards food. Vichy France, too, is negotiating further food supplies from America despite a minor trouble that has arisen over American recognition of de Gaullist Africa. There seems to be little chance of the situation being disturbed radically at that end. So far as the eastern end of the Mediterranean is concerned, it is difficult to imagine Germany embarking on a lunatic adventure against Turkey. Nor is a direct campaign against Syria much less risky. It may, therefore, be that the show of aggressive power may be made in the form of an invasion of Malta together perhaps, with raids on Cyprus and Syria. It is also quite likely that the present drive is intended to establish General Rommel on the Egyptian frontier by the time the campaigning season opens in Russia.

War And Co-operative Movement

Among the many factors responsible for modern wars a prominent one is the maladjustment of the system of production and distribution. Presiding over the recent session of the Fifth All-India Co-operative Conference the Hon. Mr. V. Ramdas Pantulu directed attention to this aspect of the world conflict and expressed the hope that the fundamental principles on which such readjustments and reconstruction would proceed would be co-operative in character. The Conference reechoed this hope and expressed its fervent desire to ensure that the new world order would be based on the dominant co-operative ideal of distributive justice. The expression of these pious wishes will, however, avail little unless co-operators bestir themselves betimes and, as the Hon. Mr. Pantulu urged, apply their minds to the task of national planning, with a new angle of vision, both in the structure of production and distribution on the basis of all-round social and economic justice.

That is work which has to be done here and now. There has been considerable uneasiness caused in the public mind by the rumours that have been spread about the scorched earth policy likely to be adopted in the event of the invasion of India. That policy affects mainly an economic structure based on centralization and concentration. This has a lesson for those in India—administrators, industrialists, businessmen and economists—who have over-emphasised the benefit of centralization and large-scale operations. The co-operator's approach to the problem of economic organization is different; it is through the co-ordinated action of small groups of producers, who may be carrying on production in detached and even isolated places. Through the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives China has attempted to carry on production in such places unhindered by the onslaughts of the aggressor. Co-operators should formulate corresponding plans for the reorganization of economic life in the countryside on the basis of decentralized production.

The All-India Conference did, indeed, urge that the production of cloth should be increased by the encouragement of handspinning and extension of handloom weaving on organized lines with the active assistance of the State. Similar productive activity will become necessary in other fields as well such as the manufacture of leather goods, paper or soap; and the conference pleaded for the encouragement of such endeavours on the basis of cottage industry in rural areas. As part of the programme of self-protection and self-sufficiency at the present moment the conference advised co-operators to interest themselves in the extension of the area under food and fodder crops and recommended the stocking of food and supplies and other necessaries of life through co-operative agency wherever possible. All this represents a contribution to the formulation of the policy to be pursued in the strenuous times through which the country is now passing and if the programme is carried out on well-planned systematic lines it will help in providing some basis for the new co-operative order of economic life on the emergence of which the Hon. Mr. Pantulu laid much stress in his presidential address.

Frankly Speaking

Raid On Trincomalee

The Japanese again returned to Ceylon on Thursday and, this time, the target was Trincomalee, the naval base on the north-east coast of Ceylon. The first communique does not give any details. It may be that smarting under the hammering they received the other day the Japanese felt it necessary to carry out a face-saving prestige attack. But whatever the motives it is clear that Japanese aircraft carriers are still operating in the waters near Ceylon and that they have yet to be dealt with by the naval forces, surface and submarine of Sir Geoffrey Layton. Meanwhile we must await the details of the raid on Trincomalee with keen interest. For it would be disappointing, indeed, if the raiders escaped unscathed as they did from Vizagapatam.

Wainwright's Position

It is unfortunate that the Japanese advance in the Bataan Peninsula has not been halted and that General Wainwright's retreat continues. This is inevitable; for nothing short of an incredible miracle could have availed against a determined assault by an overwhelming force. The Japanese, we believe, outnumber the gallant defenders by 4 to 1 and, in addition, they command the air. They can afford to lose heavily as they are doing. It pays them since they are inflicting heavy casualties on General Wainwright who can ill-afford the rapid dwindling of his miserably weak garrison. Only a fortnight is left for the rains to set in and stop all operations. The Japanese know this, hence their all-out effort. If only General Wainwright could hold out for this fortnight! But the hope does not give promise of being fulfilled. According to the latest messages, the heroic three months' stand by the American and Filipino troops against overwhelming Japanese forces in the Bataan Peninsula is believed to have ended at last and President Roosevelt has authorised General Wainright to make any decision he deems necessary.

Grow More Food

The Food Production Conference which met at Delhi on Monday realised that it was not enough to call upon farmers to grow more food crops but that it was also necessary for Government to give them all due facilities. It has accordingly appealed to Provincial Governments to ensure adequate supplies of seed for suitable varieties of crops and also of manure and to improve the existing water supplies and give liberal grant of Tacavi loans and concessional rates for seed, manure and irrigation charges. The Conference also recommend to Provincial Governments either to forgo and revenue and rent or charge concession rates for a specified period on lands newly brought under cultivation provided food and fodder crops are grown on them.

A Good Investment

These concessions will, of course, mean some temporary loss of revenue to Government but it will be more than compensated for by the increase of food supplies at a time when such increase is most urgently needed. The concessions are in the nature of an investment which is bound to yield a good return. Care should be taken that the food supply measures adopted by the different provinces are in accordance with a plan for the whole country. The Conference has, therefore, done well to suggest the establishment of a Central Food Advisory Council as a co-ordinating body whose responsibility will be to plan on an All-India basis the food production programme and to advise the authorities responsible about the equitale distribution of the available food stocks. Extensive work on the lines suggested must commence well before the rains set in. The authoritfes concerned must act promptly and at every stage in consultation with recognised leaders.

INDIAN EVACUEES WITNESS HELLISH SCENES

Dying Are Abandoned By Relatives And Friends Owing To Lack Of Medical Help

The following vivid—and harrowing—account of the sufferings of a large party of Indian evacuees from Burma—written by a Swami of the Ramakrishna Mission, who was himself a member of the party and thus an eye-witness of the scenes enacted during the journey—scores stricken down by cholera and starvation and dropping down dead, the roads littered over with decaying dead bodies, over which carts had to be driven, relatives and friends compelled to abandoned the dying because there was no way of helping the victims to recover—will be read with pathetic interest on this side of India, where the horrors of this war have not yet been experience by the people:—

DACCA, March 22.—We left Prome on the 22nd February. At Padaung we had to halt for a day as carts were not available. We stayed in the dispensary. From here began an informal life in the fashion of homeless nomads which ended day before yesterday at Dacca.

On the 23rd we left Padaung for Tungup, engaging four carts at Rs. 55 per cart. The cart rates later rose to above Rs. 200. The journey took five and a half days through a waterless and mountainous track of 100 miles. Hundreds of refugees poor and rich, men and women and babies a few days old were also moving along, enduring all sorts of hardships.

Road Strewn With Dead And Dying

A good number—about 500—could not reach Tungup. The road all along was strewn with the bodies of the dead and the dying. Cholera and exhaustion, hunger and thirst worked havoc with the ignorant and innocent refugees. Most of the deaths occurred among Telugu labourers. Men and carts had to pass over festering bodies and the stench of rotting corpses was unbearable. Most people suffered from the deviltry of cartment who dealt with these passengers very roughly. We had, of course, no trouble from the cartmen and other troubles we took in a cheerful spirit.

We did what we could to instruct the people on the way. We closely observed everything on the way and kept a record of the dead bodies seen. We counted 170 and another 30 dying cases. From nooks and corners came the stench of decaying bodies and these are not included in the counted list, as they were not seen. But, whenever we searched we invariably found a body as the source of the smell. It was a most heart-rending scene. From a party one man or woman is attacked with cholera and he or she drops down. The party stops for a short while to see if the victim recovers. But it rarely occurs and the party moves on, leaving the unfortunate person behind. Perhaps, a brother or near relative also stays back to nurse the sick one. But the motions and vomittings make him weaker and weaker and finding the case hopeless the brother or relative wrenches himself from the sick one and runs away weeping to join his party which had already advanced a few miles.

This was cruel, but it could not be helped, for, out of the party, the man would die of hunger and thirst and there would be none to care for him. Once stricken with cholera on the way, death would hang over the head of the sick man. Better-class people can wait till the sick one recovers, but what means have the poor? And we had to bear this heart-rending scene—we counted 30 such dying cases—a few were women, and within a few hours most of them must have died.

No Help Available

If proper arrangements for nursing had been made, most of them would have recovered. But there were none. Our doctor gave medicine to one or two cases—we were helpless to do anything more substantial. It was a close and intimate contact with human suffering of the most acute variety and the greater tragedy of the situation lay in our utter helplessness to relieve it. We could merely witness the scene.

Everyone who passed by that road and witnessed this tragedy must have developed deeper reflections within him. No man or woman, however vain he or she be, can remain the same thoughtless person after seeing deaths spread out before him or her. What Yudhishtira says about the wonder of man not taking into calculation the possibility of his own death is true only about the experience of death in normal conditions. But on the Prome-Tungup road the matter was entirely different. When seeing the death of others, the reflection is forced upon one that one's own may come next. We saw cartmen getting down the carts, passing motions and dying in half an hour.

In a monastery at Prome I saw, before leaving a pictorial illustration of the teaching 'Beauty is but skin deep' I doubt whether many have been impressed with the truth of the saying by studying those illustrations. But to see hundreds of bodies in varying stages of decomposition—from the live colour of the living, through the pallor of the dying to the dropping flesh of the decomposed—is to get the truth of the saying driven home into one's mind.

Awful Sights

When the doctor and myself tried to push two bodies out of the road into the jungle, the maggot-filled flesh got loose from the bony frame and the jaw and the mouth assumed and revealed a not too welcome sight. Through such thick and thin of battle—a battle where forces of death were battling with the forces of life—we moved along for five and a half days and nights, sleeping in the open, cooking and eating in the open, on the road-side, breathing pounds of dust, walking most of the distance and overtaking a slower party or wishing cheer to a faster group. I did most of the cooking on the way. We were a joyous and cheerful group and I enjoyed the trip immensely, except for the consciousness of the suffering of others. I am thankful to have decided to come by this route. Otherwise a rich experience would have been denied to me. Of course, every one was apprehensive of my health, though I was not. And I kept fit all through and the body was nimble and active and the mind clear and vigilant throughout.

We reached Tungup on the 1st March. About 15,000 refugees were crowded in this little place. Scarcity of food and water, absence of shelter from heat and cold and the cupidity of and ill-treatment by the local people and the police helped to make this place a veritable hell on earth for the refugees.

Extortion And Bribery

There was extortion and bribery everywhere. Some of the B.I.S.N. clerks took heavy bribes for tickets to Akyab. A launch a day on an average could do nothing beside the incoming rush of evacuees. There was rush at the ticket office and at the launch with the inevitable police beating. The pressure was relieved by getting more country boats to ply between Tungup and Akyab. But, to the misfortune of the refugees, the boatmen fleeced them and the passengers had to suffer untold misery and humiliation, besides paying more. To crown all, most of boatmen dropped their unsuspecting passengers somewhere half-way especially at a town called Kyaukpyu—telling them that it was Akyab. Even then, the journey took between five and seven days and there was acute shortage of water and food on the way. There was salt water, but no sweet water. It was a case of 'water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink'.

I intended to stay on at Tungup and do some relief work. Some cholera serum was expected from India and the local authorities asked me to wait till the medical unit and the serum arrived. I took up residence at one of the police quarters. The Rangoon authorities had written to the local authorities about our coming and about the relief work we were intending to do. People were suffering from many ailments for which there was no remedy, as no medicine was available. Cholera and exhustion were taking their toll of precious human life daily. The local authorities were too overweening to avail of our help and we found them not disposed to utilise our services. Again, we found ourselves helpless. Days passed and we found ourselves passing days and doing nothing.

Boat Journey

The Medical Mission failed to turn up—it reached Tungup after two weeks and we decided to leave for Akyab and do something there. Having experience of a cart journey I wanted to acquire experience of a country-boat trip also. So, avoiding the easier launch trip we engaged a smaller country boat with 36 passengers for Rs. 500. There were two Bengali families, a Malabar group, U.P. Muslims and Telugu labourers. There was plenty of luggage and very little space to stretch oneself. We were expected to reach Akyab in less than seven days.

The journey commenced and within a few hours plenty of inconveniences revealed themselves, especially for women, children and the aged. Passing urine and stools was the most difficult problem. There was a plank hanging behind the boat which sufficed for lighter people like myself. Neither could the boat be anchored by the bank so that people could go on shore; for the banks were muddy and the legs went down to the knee.

No Water To Drink

Once or twice this was tried with amusing results. Sometimes, while crossing a creek or a wide river in full tide, the boat started rocking over the waves and the women and children began to shout and wail. Once two passengers came to blows and nearly created a serious situation. In this case, the fight was stopped and I had to try the case and give punishment. But the matter was closed with an apology and promise of better behaviour; otherwise it was decided to throw both the fellows out on the nearest land and leave them to fight and find for themselves.

Water failed on the third day and the matter gave rise to anxious thoughts. That day we had half-boiled 'Kichuri' and no water to drink. Fortunately a few hours later we got ten tins of water from a village which was discovered. The tins were kept with me and I took steps to ration the water for the rest of the journey. To crown all, the boatmen were new and did not definitely know the way. We were not sure that we were proceeding in the right direction.

Hospitality Of Parekh Bros.

In spite of all these worrying situations our party kept the passengers light-hearted and cheerful. We played our gramophone records occasionally. I did most of the cooking for our party. There were two cases of sickness, of which one was a mild form of cholera. Our doctor treated the case and checked the disease and the man was cured completely at the next place of halting. Thus we spent four nights on uncharted (for us) waters, always hoping that we were nearing Akyab. The next morning we saw from a distance a chimney smoking which indicated that a town was close by. We made towards the shore, suspecting the place to be Kyaukpyu and so it was—a harbour town halfway between Tungup and Akyab. I got down and went ashore where a Gujerati youngman of the firm of Parekh Brothers hearing that I belonged to the Ramakrishna Mission, requested me to stay with them at Kyaukpyu and help them in their work of refugee relief. I gladly consented to stay with them for a short period. When my party got down, all others also got down, unwilling to proceed further. So the boat was dismissed with a payment of Rs. 250/-. We became the guests of Parekh Brothers at Kyaukpyu.

Relief At Last

Here we had different experiences. Thanks to the incessant work and vigilance of a few Indian gentlemen, of whom Parekh Brothers and Khara Brothers are the foremost, helped by a sympathetic Deputy Commissioner who is an Englishman (I. C. S.) and a D. S. P. who is an Indo-Burman, the lot of the thousands of Indian refugees became far more tolerable than in all previous camps. Here, at Kyaukpyu, the tired and depressed refugees experienced, for the first time since leaving Rangoon and other centres, the warmth of welcome and sympathy and help. Parekh Brothers and Khara Brothers at their own cost doled out rice daily twice to all the refugees. They searched the sea-shore and caught hold of the boatmen who had tried to cheat their passengers by dropping them at Kyaukpyu instead of at Akyab and arranged for the refund of a portion of the passage-money. Recalcitrant boatmen were handed over to the police.

The brothers also protected the refugees from the extortions of the ordinary police and the local population. This was one of the unbearable curses of Prome and Tungup camps. But here, self-help on the part of the Indian community, joined to the sympathetic concern of the local authorities, helped to produce a different atmosphere. Into the long course of the "Pilgrims' Progress' through the darkness of humiliation and despair which constituted the Indian refugees' journey from Burma to India, Kyaukpyu introduced a ray of cheer and hope. The local Indian community and the local officials deserve our grateful appreciation of their meritorious work.

Toll Of Cholera

I was glad to live and work in such company for however short a period it be. On a request from the medical officer whose staff was getting overworked owing to the prevalence of cholera among the refugees, we placed our doctor at the disposal of the hospital for cholera duty and another member of our party offered to do dressing work in the wards. There were more than 79 cholera cases, of whom about 29 proved fatal during our stay. The rest were in varying stages of convalescence. Unlike as in Prome and Tungup, the refugees were permitted to go to the hospital to get treatment for ordinary ailments.

Apart from food and medicine, the main problem was the despatch of refugees to India. Both launches and cargo boats were utilised to take people to Akyab or Buthidaung (a station next to Akyab). The corruption of the B. I. S. N. clerks of Tungup was not allowed to be repeated at Kyaukpyu. The B. I. S. N. clerks at Kyaukpyu also happened to be better and more reasonable men. All sale of tickets for launch and steamer was managed by the Parekh Brothers and Khara Brothers, whom we assisted in this work. Deck tickes cost Rs. 3|- to Akyab, Rs. 4|- to Buthidaung and Rs. 10|- to Chittagong. A large number of destitutes was sent work. Deck tickets cost Rs. 3|- to of the Deputy Commissioner and the co-operation of the Scindias.

Departure For Chittagong

We stayed at Kyaukpyu from the 11th to the 17th. On the arrival of a new doctor for duty in the cholera ward, we decided to leave Kyaukpyu for India. Accordingly, we left for Chittagong by s. s. "Jalagopal", which carried about 2,800 passengers, of whom more than 900 were free. We reached Chittagong the next day. Here we stayed for a day with a friend and observed with satisfaction the commendable work of Mr Suresh Chandra Bannerjee and the volunteers of the Ramakrishna Seva Samity.

About 3,000 refugees are still left at Kyaukpyu. Most of the refugees receive free railway tickets for their destinations anywhere in India along with a rupee each for wayside expenses. Rice is distributed to the poor among the refugees. Mr. Bannerjee sees to it that all refugees are sent away within a day of their arrival at Chittagong. The Government had

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WITHOUT COMMENT

"There must be some good reason for the fact that the British Admiralty allows the German navy to roam the Atlantic unchallenged....Reading between the lines, it is apparent that Britain is not in a position to challenge the German navy in the Atlantic."
—Bremen Radio To England
April 4, 1941

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According to our Delhi correspondent, the attitude of Colonel Louis Johnson, the American mediator—the Junior Colleague wanted to describe him as the representative of the Protecting Power—was reported to be "Better pay the price for Congress co-operation than risk the future."

It is not for nothing that the successful Yankee is reputed to be the most realistic businessman in the world.

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"The fourth session of the National Defence Council opened this morning at Viceroy's House, New Delhi. His Excellency the Viceroy presided."—A. P. I.

Yes Sir, we the Indian people—sorry, the peoples of India HAVE got a regular National Defence Council even though Colonel Louis Johnson and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and, perhaps, Sir Stafford Cripps himself may be unware of the fact.

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"Some there are who regret", says Anglo-India, "that circumstances prevented the Indian Air Force from expanding as rapidly and widely as many had hoped."

Yes, "some" there are—now, aren't there?

But what were the circumstances, brother?

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Sir James Grigg, Britain's War Secretary, hopes to build out of the wreck of the old world a better and juster world with equality of opportunity for all.

We hope this doesn't include an opportunity for Sir James to return to India as Finance Member.

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G. H. Q., Cairo, issued a special communique on Wednesday night announcing the imminence of an Axis offensive.

But why? Was it feared that otherwise the world would be taken completely by surprise?

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On April 7, the Japanese Ambassador to the U. S. S. R., M. Sato, presented his credentials to President Kalinin.
—Reuter.

The diplomatic, not the real, credentials.

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We gather from a London message that the visit of Mr. Harry Hopkins and General Marshal to Britain was "unexpected".

That sure makes us guess and speculate over a wide range.

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The U. S. Army, it is authoritatively announced, will be expanding at the rate of four divisions per month by this summer.

We have no doubt. But wouldn't it be infinitely better if it "expanded" to the actual war fronts only at the rate of two divisions per month now?

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She: "Do you think the Germans will revolt?"

He: "I shouldn't be surprised. They always were revolting."

BAIT TO TURKEY AND BOOT TO VICHY?

But Washington Won't Fall Into Wilhelmstrasse Trap

WASHINGTON, April 9.

The protest of the Vichy representative to the United States, M. Henri Haye, against the appointment of an American Consul-General at Brazzaville cannot but be linked up with the impending German spring offensive.

M. Haye's action comes at the very moment when general normalisation of Vichy-American relations scope of definite possibility. The scope of negotiations under way and extend beyond the resumption of trade with French North Africa. It is considered here that M. Haye's demarche was made under German pressure. It might well be the starting point of a new tension during which the subject of the French fleet, Madagascar, French possessions in the Western Hemisphere and even Saint Pierre and Miquelon may be raised anew.

U. S. WON'T FALL INTO TRAP.

It is not the intention of the United States Government to fall into the trap tendered by the Wilhelmstrasse and be made responsible for break of relations with Vichy. However certain eventualities cannot be disregarded. One of the biggest problems of the United Nations is to prevent Germany and Japan from joining forces, coupled with German action in the general direction of the Caucasus-Iraq and Iran. Japanese naval and air forces might seek to force their way from the Andaman Islands into the ocean, by passing India by seeking to occupy Ceylon in order to reach out for Madagascar and the east coast of Africa. They could thus move into the Persian Gulf.

Before becoming more heavily involved with Russia the Germans are assuring themselves of protection in their rear.

BAIT TO TURKEY.

They are also preparing to win over Turkey in case Russian troops in Southern Russia prove to be difficult to crack.

Although there is no confirmation here, it is considered possible that general offers were made recently to Turkey by the German Government if Turkey would allow the transport of German troops through her territory.

Territorial concessions in Thrace Protectorate over the Aegean Sea and mandate over Syria are said to be among the German offers.

Meanwhile Washington is doing the utmost to support Turkey in its political neutrality. The visit to London at this time of Gen. Marshall and Harry Hopkins has aroused great hopes this side of the Atlantic since American and foreign economists alike are insistent that 1942 will mark the doom of Germany if Hitler is unsuccessful in his break through before next October.—Reuter.

TWO KILLED IN EMPIRE AIRWAYS MISHAP

MELBOURNE, April 9.

It is officially announced that two of the fifteen passengers were killed when an Empire Airways flying-boat crashed into the harbour, while alighting in Darwin. It submerged 30 feet.—Reuter.

ANKARA, April 9.

The British ship "Landovery Castle" 10,640 tons sailed for Egypt with British sick and wounded prisoners, following their exchange against Italian sick and wounded to Smyrna on Wednesday.—Reuter.

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CRIPPS-NEHRU SCHEME OF NATIONAL GOVT.

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discussed to-day for over seven hours.

According to the political correspondent of the Associated Press the Committee will ask for clarification of certain points.

They express dissatisfaction with the proposals regarding the future, and are believed to give general support to the demand made by Mr. Jinnah at Allahabad that Pakistan should be conceded in unequivocal terms.

The Committee recall Sir Stafford Cripps' assertion that the scheme stood or fell as a whole, and they would like it to be made clear whether, in view of their objection to the earlier part of the scheme, it is open to discuss the later part relating to the immediate present.

They, however, reiterate their preparedness, expressed in earlier resolutions to associate themselves with the Government provided that they are given real and effective share in the power and authority of Government without prejudice to the future.

It is anticipated that Mr. Jinnah and Sir Stafford Cripps will discuss the points to-morrow.—A. P.

HINDU SABHA TO JOIN NATIONAL GOVT.

BOMBAY, April 9: It is understood that in a communication Sir Stafford Cripps asked Mr. Savarkar if the Mahasabha had any objection to joining the National Government on the basis of Government's proposals.

Sir Stafford Cripps asked Mr. Savarkar to communicate his considered view to the Bombay Governor.

Accordingly, Mr. Savarkar had an interview with Sir Roger Lumley, Bombay Governor, at noon to day when he, it is understood, informed Sir Stafford Cripps, through the Governor, that the Hindu Mahasabha had no objection to join the National Government even though the Mahasabha's objection to the clause in the draft proposal giving freedom to the provinces not to join the Indian Union still remained.

It is understood that the Mahasabha will get two seats in the National Government.

Similar messages are believed to have been sent to leaders of other major parties who are not in Delhi.—A. P.

SAVARKAR'S CALL TO HINDUS

BOMBAY, April 9.

An earnest appeal to Hindu Mahasabhaite and Hindu Sangathanist public in general to intensify the militarisation movement to the best of their power and to join in as large numbers as possible the Army, Navy, Air Force, A. R. P. organisation, Civic Guard, ordnance factories etc. throughout India, is made by Mr. V. D Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha in the course of a statement.

Mr. Savarkar says: "To avoid any misunderstanding on the part of the public, it must be made clear that the rejection by the Hindu Mahasabha of the scheme proposed by Sir Stafford Cripps does in no way mean that the Hindu Mahasabha has given up the policy of militarisation of Hindus as re-affirmed in the last session at Bhagalpore and then again by the All-India Committee at Lucknow last month.

"Under the present circumstances, this can only be done by joining the Government military forces in the land.

"Moreover the martial mentality and capacity thus developed to-day by Hindus is bound to prove an incalculable effect to national strength even after war."

Concluding Mr. Savarkar asks every Hindu Sabha and other Hindu organisation to take up active propaganda in hand and carry it to every town and village and calls upon Hindus to join the Government military forces as well as to organise Home Guard movement.—United Press.

'Good News From Delhi' In Madras Press

MADRAS, April 9.

"The long drawn-out negotiations at Delhi have happily been carried to a successful conclusion, if one may judge from reports which are unofficial it is true but come from usually reliable sources. And the country will experience a feeling of profound thankfulness that statesmanship on both sides should have prevailed against what seemed fearful odds" says "The Hindu" in an editorial to-day on Delhi talks under caption "National Government".

The paper adds "Sir Stafford Cripps, who has shown endless patience, delicacy and tact as well as a firm grasp of the essentials of the problem and the sincerity and moral fervour without which a right approach to its solution could not have been made has achieved the greatest success of his life and deserves well of both his country and ours.

In an editorial headed 'Good News from Delhi' the "Mail" says, messages from New Delhi assure us that agreement has been reached between the main deliberating parties on the war cabinet's proposals, and that a National Government representing all the bigger political organisations will soon be functioning at the Centre. This is good news, the best possible in fact, because it clears the way for the complete organisation of the resources in men and material of India for war against totalitarian aggression.—A. P.

FIGHTING IN CHINA

Enemy Line Of Communication Destroyed: Japanese Beaten Back

BOMBAY, April 9.

The Chinese war 'communique', as released by the official Agency in Chungking this morning, reported continued fighting on the south Honan front.

A Chinese unit broke through enemy line north of Singyang, and reached a railway town of Chengdaigwang on last Saturday, causing heavy losses to the enemy. Another Chinese unit destroyed a section of enemy lines of communication in the Singyang area on the same day, and captured several hundred tons of telegraph wires.

Meanwhile, on the South Hupeh front, a Chinese unit intercepted an enemy detachment north of Wallochi last Friday afternoon. These Japanese were beaten back after 3 hours of severe fighting. The enemy sustained over one hundred casualties.

In North Hunan

BOMBAY, April 9:—The Chungking Radio reports that the Chinese military spokesman said at a Press Conference to-day that the only important action of the past week by the Japanese took place along the highway between Yochow and Yiyangsien in the Northern Hunan province, where the Japanese troops, on March 31, began a drive from the west and the north.

Heavy fighting was still going on in this area.—A. P.

New Indo-China Road

CHUNGKING, April 9.

It is expected that the 500 miles of the new China-India highway (replacing the Burma Road) will be completed by the end of the year. A Chinese military spokesman revealed this to-day.

Referring to the concentration of Japanese forces in Northern Indo-China, the spokesman said the aim was apparently to divert Chinese attention from Japanese movements elsewhere. The Japanese bombing of Chinese airfields in Chekiang Province was evidently designed to prevent the Allies using bases for bombing operations against the Japanese.—Reuter.

SEVERAL AXIS PRISONERS TAKEN

CAIRO, April 9.

The Middle East War 'communique' on Thursday says: "The enemy did not attempt to advance further yesterday. We took a number of prisoners from an enemy detachment which was trying to establish a strong point between Tmimi and Gazala. One of our columns is engaging the enemy at Sidi Baregish too."

A 'communique' says that a number of Axis prisoners have been taken between Tmimi and Gazala, while fighting is also reported at Sidi Barregish.

RAID ON MALTA

The R. A. F. Middle East 'communique' states: The enemy air attack upon Malta was continued on a heavy scale throughout yesterday and during the previous night. Four "Junkers 88S" and four "Messerchsmitt 109S" were destroyed and many other enemy aircraft were probably destroyed or badly damaged. Two of our aircraft are missing from the operations."

IS IT PRELIMINARY TO ATTACK?

LONDON: It is still not yet clear whether the increased enemy activity in Libya is preliminary to an attack, it is stated in authoritative quarters in London to-day. Gen. Rommel is assumed to have a force of about two armoured divisions and a light motorised infantry division. The Italians have about six divisions. These have been reinforced since the last battle but it is wrong to say that there are new armoured divisions there. Normally the campaigning weather would be regarded as extending to about the middle of May, but in this w[illegible] seasons have been ignored although in Libya it is extremely hot from about the middle of May.

AXIS LANDING GROUNDS BOMBED

It is learned among Libya targets mentioned in the R. A. F. 'communique' were Benghazi, Berka and Derna. Most successful results were obtained in Benghazi, where large fires were observed following explosions. Low clouds prevented full observation of the effect of the hammering given to the landing ground at Berka or the attack on Derna. It is understood that although both offensive and defensive patrols were carried out by fighters few contacts were made.—Reuter.

THREE DETENUS RELEASED

PATNA, April 9.

Besides fourteen detenus released earlier, the Government of Behar have decided to release, with certain restrictions, three persons who had been detained under the Defence of India Rules.

They are, Ali Ashraf, Chandra Sekhar Prasad Singh and Shushil Kumar Dasgupta. The movements of the first two persons are restricted to the town of Patna and of the last named to Purulia.

"Government do not propose to make any change in the detention orders passed against the remaining 25 persons".—A. P.

Soviet Forces Enter White Russia

Further Successes On Smolensk Front

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, April 9.

Reports from the front state that the Russians have crossed the Byolo-Russian (White Russia) borders at several points.

On the Leningrad front the Russians have broken through in one sector where the German ice and snow fortifications are collapsing as a result of the thaw. At one point the Russians found 1,500 German dead.

SOVIET FORCES SMASH NAZI LINES

KUIBYSHEV, April 9.

Soviet forces have smashed German lines on the central front and entered the province of White Russia according to dispatches from the front lines.

Advices reaching Kuibyshev say that only the White Russian frontier has been crossed at several points and add that fighting continues as the Russians push forward. The border runs 45 miles west of Smolensk and about 20 miles west of Roslau.

MORE SOVIET SUCCESSES

A new Soviet success on the Smolensk front during the past few days is reported by the "Red Star" correspondent, who states that over 1 000 German officers and men were killed, several fortified positions taken, and dozens of guns and machine-guns captured. The Germans launched a counter-attack supported by tanks but the Red Army repulsed them killing 300 Germans.

HITLER'S ALLIES GET IT

The correspondent adds that Rumanians, Hungarians and Finns were among the reserves brought into action on this front.

NAZI ATTEMPT REPULSED

The Germans suffered heavy losses in an unsuccessful attempt to recapture a village on the Smolensk front from where they had been driven by Russian infantry, reports a supplement to the Soviet midday Communique. The Germans launched a counter-attack—this time supported by tanks—on another sector of the Smolensk front. The counter-attack was repulsed and more than 300 Germans were killed. Three German tanks were destroyed and four captured in working order.

On the Kalinin front a Russian infantry battalion though attacked by superior forces wrecked several German tanks caused confusion in German ranks by their concentrated fire and then charged with bayonets. The Germans retreated leaving 450 officers and men killed. In this engagement one Soviet tank smashing through German defences destroyed several anti-tank guns and killed dozens of officers and men.

GERMAN TANK DIVISION BADLY MAULED

A German tank division has been in action in Crimea and has received bad mauling, losing 32 tanks in one day. The Crimea war correspondent of the newspaper "Pravda" reporting this says General von Appel commanded the division concerned.

About 100 German tanks crept through at dawn with the object of piercing the Russian lines at one selected point. They were met with a hail of steel, for well-placed Russian artillery was able to fire point blank both at the advancing tanks and the motorised infantry following them.

German long-range guns tried to support the invaders but this was unvailing. The tanks and infantry were forced to retreat leaving a score of charred tanks on the battlefield.

The Germans renewed their attack three times, each time being driven back with heavy losses.

NAZI SOLDIERS CLASH WITH POLICE

The police at the Railway station near the German town of Schwerin recently clashed with soldiers, who were about to leave for the eastern front. The police supported by Storm Troopers tried to separate the soldiers from their women folk. Fierce fighting followed, says a supplement to the Soviet midday Communique. Many soldiers were arrested and sent to prison.

Bombay's Youngest Mayor

To The Editor, of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—Mr. Vijay Merchant's statement in to-day's issue of your paper that the late Sir Vithaldas Thackersey was the youngest person to be elected to the office of Mayor of Bombay, formerly styled President of the Bombay Municipal Corporation, is not correct. That distinction most probably is held by the late Mr. Rahimtoola Currimbhoy Ebrahim who died prematurely in 1922 at the early age of 34 and who was only 30 years old at the time of his election as President for the year 1918-19. Mr. Meherally is, no doubt, the youngest person to be elected to the office since its designation was changed some ten years back from President of the Bombay Municipal Corporation to Mayor of Bombay.—Yours, etc.

V. B. BANIVLEKAR.

Bombay, April 8.

FOURTH DAY OF NATIONAL WEEK

Appeal To Public To Join P. V. B.

To celebrate the fourth day of the National Week the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, convened a public meeting at Kamathipura, Bombay, on Thursday night.

In the absence of Mr. S. K. Patil, Secretary of the B.P.C.C., Mr. S. L. Silam, M.L.A., presided.

Addressing the audience on the significance of the observance of the National Week Mr. Silam referred to the Massacre Jallianwala Baug, The Rowlatt Act and the Punjab atrocities were indelible chapters in the history of the national struggle. These incidents had roused the Indian nation and spurred the country to fight for freedom. The struggle had ceaselessly continued for the last 23 years and to-day the country was on the verge of attaining its goal.

JOIN P.V.B.

The speaker appealed to the gathering to join the Peoples Volunteer Brigade which he said was organised to ensure the protection of the citizens of Bombay during emergencies. As the war was daily drawing nearer to us it was imperative upon every citizen to lose no time in preparing for an emergency, the best way to do which was to associate oneself with the peoples' organisation.

Messrs. S. V. Sohoni and R. M. Khandre, also spoke in a similar vein.

'Quake Shocks

BOMBAY, April 9.

An earthquake shock of great intensity at its origin about 3,160 miles away with its epicentre near Lat. 35 degrees North and Longt. 122 degrees East in Yellow Sea was recorded by the Seismograph at the Colaba Observatory at 21 hrs. 19 mts. (I. S. T.) on Wednesday, April 8, 1942. The focal depth of the shock was about 90 miles.

Two more shocks of slight intensity, apparently after-shocks of the above great shock were also recorded at 1 hr. 8 mts. and 5 hrs. 35 mts. (I.S.T.) on Thursday, April 9, 1942—United Press.

'QUAKE SHOCK RECORDED AT ALIPORE.

CALCUTTA, April 9.

An earthquake shock of great intensity at its origin about 2,170 miles away was recorded by the Alipore seismograph at 21 hours 17 minutes (I. S. T.) yesterday.—A. P.

RECORDED AT SYDNEY.

SYDNEY:—A heavy earthquake centred to south-west of Luzon, probably undersea, was recorded at the Riverview observatory at Sydney early to-day. The seismograph boom swung for four hours. Perth also recorded the quake. The shock was so severe that the boom swung five inches. The Perth Government astronomer said that this was too considerable. A swing to have been caused by a shock so distant.—Reuter.

DENMARK SHALL BE FREE, SAYS CHURCHILL

LONDON, April 9.

"I have very little doubt that the day will come, perhaps sooner than it would be prudent to hope, when Denmark will be free from the grip in which she has been held and when she will resume her independent, honoured and ancient place among the free peoples and States of Europe", said Mr. Churchill to-day, the second anniversary of German occupation of Denmark, when accepting a cheque for £38,300 from Free Danes. The cheque represented the final figure reached by the Danish Fighter Fund contributed by Free Danes throughout the world. "We shall never give in, we shall never weary, we shall never pause in our struggle nor will our great American and Russian allies", added Mr. Churchill. "Good weather is needed to turn this splendid cheque into the first of the heavy thunderdrops of storm, which is to beat on this odious tyranny."—Reuter.

R. A. F. BOMBS HAMBURG AND LE HAVRE

LONDON, April 9.

A strong force of aircraft of the Bomber Command last night attacked objectives in north-west Germany including Hamburg, states an Air Ministry Communique. The docks at Le Havre were also bombed.

Beaufort torpedo bombers of the Coastal Command yesterday afternoon attacked a convoy of enemy supply ships off the coast of Jutland, but the results were not observable. Two Coastal Command aircraft and six Bomber Command aircraft are missing.

It is now learnt that a second death occurred as the result of the raid on a south-coast town to-day.

Br. Submarine Sinks Italian Cruiser

LONDON, April 9.

An Official Admiralty Communique says: An Italian cruiser of 10,000 tons, armed with eight-inch guns has been torpedoed and sunk in the Central Mediterranean by a submarine under the command of Lt. Commander Tomkinson D. S. O., R. N. It was escorted by destroyers and aircraft. Eight minutes after being hit by torpedoes the Italian cruiser was heard to break up and sink. A destroyer was later been picking up survivors".

INDIAN EVACUEES WITNESS HELLISH SCENES

(Continued from Page 4)

done the right thing in arranging free passage for the refugees.

Good Out Of Evil

Even the better class Indians become almost penniless by the time they reached Chittagong, and what to speak of the poor sections! Some looked like gentlemen but their pockets were empty, they having lost their all either at Rangoon by bombing and hurried departure or on the way by the enormous expenditure of cart and boat journey and by looting. Thus the distance between the rich and the poor was obliterated to a great extent in the democratic school of common suffering. And all this suffering will prove a distinct gain if those who have arrived from Burma with the hallmark of suffering will themselves retain and help to spread among our countrymen the message of sympathy and service of the poor and the helpless. This democracy of human fellowship, irrespective of caste and community, class and mass, is urgently needed in our country. Let us hope that out of evil that war is, some social and national good will accrue.

We gave about 7,000 cholera inoculations at Prome before leaving for Tungup and helped the Deputy Commissioner and local authorities at Prome in the management of the camps and despatch of refugees. I left Rangoon for Prome on the 10th for the work on a request from a senior Government official at Rangoon, Mr. Swithin Bank, I. C. S., who also gave me a letter of introduction to the Prome D. C. I stayed altogether 12 days at Prome and left only after all the refugees were despatched and the camps closed.

An armed constable while on duty in the premises of the Alipore Telephone Exchange is reported to have been attacked last night by four persons who, after a short scuffle, overpowered him, seized his revolver and fled away. The culprits have not yet been traced.—A. P.

CUT THIS OUT & KEEP IT

JAPANESE FIRE BOMBS

THE Great Fire of London, 1940, was started by the 2¼ lb. Magnesium Bomb, 1,000 of which can be carried in one aircraft. Over Singapore and Rangoon, the Japanese have used the 120 lb. Phosphorus Bomb, only 50 of which make a load for one 'plane. Each Magnesium Bomb makes one centre of terrific heat—from which blinding molten metal runs after ten minutes or so. The Phosphorus Bomb scatters hundreds of bits of flaming stuff far and wide—each burning-point is easier to deal with; but very many more small fires are started.

Unless every man and Woman is ready to PUT OUT SMALL FIRES a raid may set hundreds of Bombay homes blazing.

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THE FIRE BRIGADE with its capacity doubled by Auxiliaries, will have their hands full dealing with big fires—those which no one could catch in time.

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THE FIRE-WATCHING AND FIRE-FIGHTING PARTIES — (Bombay's ordinary citizens) will be able to stop many big fires from starting, when we get the 75,000 fully trained men we need.

But with practically no training, *any man or woman* and most children can stop the fires started by the new Phosphorus Bombs.

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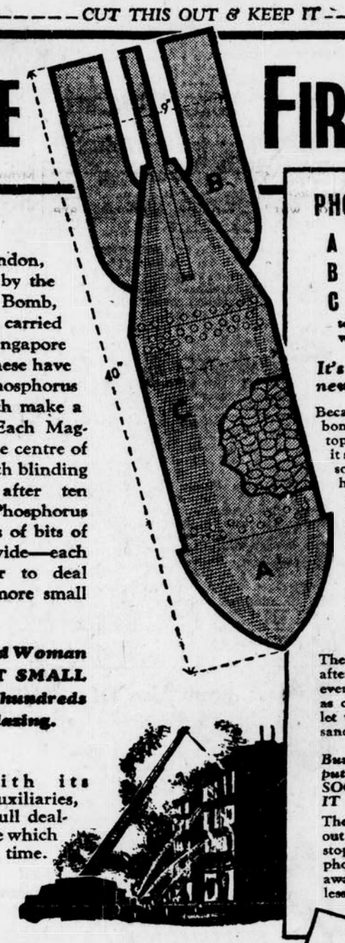

PHOSPHORUS BOMB

A ***Exploding Head***

B ***Direction Fins***

C ***Hollow Body*** cut away to show Phosphorus pellets which scatter on explosion.

It's easier to deal with the new Japanese bomb.

Because it is heavy, the new bomb is likely to fall through the top floors. It may explode when it strikes—or after it has pierced some distance. As it bursts, hundreds of blazing lumps of phosphorus compound are thrown in every direction. Each pellet is the size of a small lime, and it just goes on flaring where it lands.

You will know when phosphorus is burning by the dense white smoke and the acrid smell.

There's nothing to be afraid of after the bomb has burst. Wherever you see white smoke, go in as close as the fire (if any) will let you, and splash water or wet sand over it.

Burning phosphorus is easily put out with water; but AS SOON AS IT DRIES AGAIN, IT BURSTS INTO FLAME.

Therefore, when you have put out the fire, or the smoke has stopped, you must find the black phosphorus pellet, and get it away where it can burn harmlessly.

DON'T tread on the phosphorus you would spread the fire, and your shoes would be destroyed.

DON'T let even soaked phosphorus touch your skin: it would burn you badly, when it has dried.

PUT any clothes which have been burnt or touched by phosphorus into cold water.

ANY food or drink which may have been touched by Phosphorus, or fire, must be thrown away.

EVERYONE MUST HELP IN COLLECTING THE WET PHOSPHORUS:

Use a spoon or pair of tongs, to lift every bit, however small.

Collect every pellet in a container half-filled with cold water.

YOUR WARDEN WILL TELL YOU WHAT HAS TO BE DONE AFTERWARDS

Meet him at the nearest Warden Post between 6.0 & 9.0 p.m. any evening

Published for the information of the citizens of Bombay by the Government of Bombay.

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Latest Commercial

JULY
New York, April 9.

Previous closing	19.72
To-day's opening	19.67
Difference	—.05
To-day's closing	not received

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, April 9.

Following are the New York opening ranges:—

May (19.48/48) 19.54/53
July (19.61/60) 19.67/67
October (19.77/77) 19.86/85

LONDON COMMODITIES.
London, April 9.

SEEDS

Castorseeds April/May (£20 5/8 sellers) £20 5/8 sellers
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta April/May (£20 nominal) £20 nominal.
Linseed La Plata April/May unquoted
Groundnut Coromandal Coast April/May (East Coast India shipment not quoted. £20 West Coast India shipment) £20 sellers

LONDON METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES.

T.T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, April 9.

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	4.03 3/4

T.T LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, April 9.

Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers. 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers. 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers. 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON BULLION.
London, April 9.

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-—-0

LONDON SILVER
London, April 9.

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6 1/32 sellers, 1-6 31/32 buyers) 1-6 1/32 sellers, 1-5 31/32 buyers
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.35

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
New York, April 9.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:

General Motors (dol 35) dol 34 1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 25 1/2) dol 25 1/4
United States Steel Common (dol 50) dol 49 1/8
United States Steel Preference (dol 114 1/2) unquoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, April 9.

The Stock Exchange was steady to-day

3% PER CENT STERLING LOAN
London, April 9.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 1/8

AUSTRALIAN LOAN
London, April 9.

5 per cent 1968/68 £101

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £83 5/16
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 3/8
2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 15/16
4 per cent Funding Loan £114 7/16
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £106
3 per cent War Loan £100 1/8
4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 7/16

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 16-4 1/2
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 35-0
Electric Music Industry 14-1 1/2
Princhin Johnson 21-6
Imperial Chemical 32-10 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary 50-3
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £76 3/4
Dundee 25-3
Unilever Ordinary 25-9
Ford Motors 24-7 1/2
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £61 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordinary £3 5/8
Carreas 'A' £5 1/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 3/16
P and O Defd 27-1 1/2
Distillers 74-6
Bredfords Dyes 7-1 1/2
British Celanese 5-6
J and P Coates 35-1 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary 39-1 1/2
Fine Cotton Spinners 7-1 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary 16-4 1/2
Inter Nickel dol 40 1/4
Indian Iron 33-9

TEA SHARES

Assam 10-7 1/2
Donaro Tea 21-0
Empire of India 11-3

JUTE

Barnagore £5 nominal

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber 9-0
Gula Kelampong 8-1 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv. Trust 12-0

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 16-3
Burma Corporation 3-4 1/2
Rio Tintos £8
East Rand Properties £1 7/8
Rand Mines £6 1/4

MINE SHARES

Crown £8 5/8
Associated Portland Cement 43-1 1/2
Trinidad Leasehold 67-6
Sub-Nigel £5 7/8
Spring Mines Split Share £1
Union Corporation 128-9

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 35-0
Anglo-India 36-3
Burma Oil £1 1/2
Mexican Eagle 12-10 1/2
Shell Transport £1 31/32
Royal Dutch £14

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £41
London Midland Ordinary £17 3/4
London North Eastern Defd £1 5/8
London Southern Defd £14 5/8
London Transport 5 per cent £130 1/2
London Transport "C" 440

U. S. Using 40,000 Tons Of Silver

(From Our Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 8.

Production Chief Nelson said that he had arranged for the use of 40,000 tons of silver which was four-fifths of the Treasury's stock to replace other metals which were more vital for war production.

Fine Spy Melodrama At New Empire

INTERNATIONAL LADY AT NEW EMPIRE

George Brent And Ilona Massey Co-starred

Thrilling suspense, superb acting, brilliant direction and a smooth production distinguish the new Edward Small spy melodrama, "International Lady," which starts at New Empire this week under the auspices of United Artists release. Based on a screen-play by E. Lloyd Sheldon and Jack De Witt, "International Lady" co-stars George Brent and Ilona Massey.

"International Lady" is a drama of wartime intrigue in which a golden-voiced concert singer upsets first the plans of England and America and then does as much for the schemes of a wily sabotage ring. Miss Massey in this role, acquits herself brilliantly on two scores—as a singer and as a dramatic actress. In addition, she is gowned beautifully and displays a stunning wardrobe designed by Gwen Wakeling. George Brent, combines sleuthing with love-making and does both with amazing skill.

The supporting cast also turns in superb portrayals. Among those deserving special mention are Basil Rathbone as a gentleman from Scotland Yard; Gene Lockhart, who turns up as a wealthy candy manufacturer, owner of a vast Long Island estate, which happens to be a screen for the schemes of a sabotage ring; Martin Kosleck, who plays a member of the gang; and George Zucco, also in a meanie role.

George Prent, Basil Rathbone and Ilona Massey in "International Lady" at New Empire.

ROARING SEA BATTLES ON SCREEN

"Captain Caution" At Capitol

The roaring action of battles on the tion of two vessels fighting for suction of two vessels fighting for supremacy is unfolded with terrific impact and amazing realism in Hal Roach's 'Captain Caution,' the sweeping sea epic based on Kenneth Robert's best seller.

The scope of sweeping action on the screen has always been limitless because of the versatility of the camera, and never has this been more forcefully proved than in the vividly realistic sequences which are unreeled in "Captain Caution." But flaming action is not the only highlight in this new adventure romance. Starred in the film are Victor Mature and Louise Platt, and in prominent supporting roles are such favourites as Leo Carrillo, Bruce Cabot, Vivienne Osborne, Robert Barrat and Miles Mander. The screen-play for the production was written by the noted scenarist, Grover Jones.

SUNDAY SHOW AT METRO

On Sunday at 10 a.m. April 12, Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney in 'Men of Boys Town' a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture.

An Indian aviator under training in 'Aiming High'.

WINGS FOR INDIA'S YOUNG MEN

Shantaram's Another Propaganda Short

(By T. V. P.)

"Aiming High" is another of the Film of India production, possessing the famous Shantaram touch. It is being shown in all the Cinemas in Bombay which are showing pictures in English.

This short shows how India's young men are selected and trained for an aviation career and contains quite interesting shots of their daily life while under training and after.

One cannot understand why this short has an English commentary and why it will be shown only at the Cinema Houses that show pictures in English. For whom is the film meant? Is it not chiefly for the masses who do not understand English and would welcome comentaries in Hindustani and the other Indian languages? How many of these people visit pictures in English?

Is even Shantaram unable to see this? Why this preference for English to the detriment of all concerned? The turn of English should come only after Hindustani and other Indian languages, if that is necessary at all.

"Blossoms In The Dust" At Palace

Inspired by the life of Mrs. Edna Gladney, founder of the Texas Children's Home and Aid Society, who has devoted thirty years to child welfare and has found happy homes for more than 2,000 babies, "Blossoms in the Dust', starring Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon, has come to Palace this week.

Field in technicolour, the picture reveals for the first time the full beauty of the red-headed, green-eyed Irish actress who rose to stardom overnight with her memorable performance of "Mrs. Chips" in "Goodbye, Mr. Chips." Now she has given another tender, warmly human role of equal brilliance.

"You'll Never Get Rich" Held Over At Excelsior

Rita Hayworth and Fred Astaire shine brightly in the musical and dancing comedy "You'll Never Get Rich" which is held over at Excelsior Theatre for another week. Its sidelights on army life are amusing. Hollywood was in its most entertaining mood while producing this picture

SUNDAY SHOW AT CAPITOL

United Artists' "Fire Over England" featuring Lawrence Olivier, Vivien Leigh, Flora Robson will be shown on Sunday at 10-30 a.m. at Capitol.

ONE FOOT IN HEAVEN AT METRO

Frederick March And Martha Scott Co-starred

"One Foot In Heaven," the Fredric March-Martha Scott co-starring film which comes to Metro today, has something very new to offer in the way of screen entertainment. Based on the novel by Hartzell Spence, it tells the story of a 'practical parson" and his family in the first part of the century.

There is humour, warmth and the spirit of abiding faith in the story of the man who served God nobly, with one foot in the heaven and the other very solidly on the ground.

His was no Sunday job, but an all-week, job of solving the problems, easing the sorrows, sharing the joys of his congregation. In his tasks he was ably assisted by his wife who stood by him in all times of stress and subtly engineered him into the right decision in many of his problems.

To their three very human youngsters fell the task of serving as models for the children of the congregation, and the job wasn't always an easy one

Romance and drama and rich humour were integral parts of the Spence family life and they are integral parts of the motion picture

Fred Astaire has a gun pointed out at his chest in "You'will Never Get Rich" at Excelsior.

"Keep 'Em Flying" At Regal For Another Week

Heralded as one of the biggest comedy offerings in year's Universal's "Keep 'Em Flying," starring Abbott and Costello, with Martha Raye, Carol Bruce, William Gargan and Dick Foran, in featured support, continues for a 2nd week's run at the Regal. The vehicle, produced on a lavish scale, is backgrounded against Uncle Sam's efforts to annually train an additional 50,000 officers for the Army Air Corps.

Made with the full co-operation of the War Department, most of the scenes were photographed at Cal Aero Academy, Ontario, Calif., one of thirty privately-operated flying schools now under contract to the Government. Abbott and Costello portray air school "grease monkeys", while Misses Bruce and Raye are seen as singing hostesses in a U.S.O. clubhouse. Gargan characterises a civilian flying instructor, while Foran appears as a circus stunt flyer who enrolls in the school in order to be near Miss Bruce. Charles Lang portrays Miss Bruce's brother, a flying cadet

SUNDAY SHOW AT REGAL

Universal's 'Rio' featuring Sigrid Gurie Basil Rathbone, Victor McLaglen, will be shown at Regal on Sunday at 10-30 a.m.

Diseases From Use Of Polished Rice

Polished rice and white wheat flour contain neither enough building materials for the bones, teeth and tissues, nor enough builders (vitamins) to build them into the body. Those who eat polished rice and white wheat flour are liable therefore to suffer from diseases relating to the bones and teeth, the heart, the lungs and the kidney.

A. I. V. I. A., Wardha.

PAR BOILED RICE v. RAW POLISHED RICE

	Par-boiled and polished.	Raw and polished.
Phosphorus	·15	·11
Calcium	.01	.01
Iron	2.2	1.0
Vitamin B	60	20

Do not use polished raw rice. If you want polished rice use par-boiled rice.

A. I. V. I. A., Wardha.

THE DIGESTIBILITY OF UNPOLISHED RICE

It is sometimes thought that unpolished rice is difficult to digest. This is not so. Scientists assure us that the difference in digestibility between polished and unpolished rice is so small that it amounts in practice to zero. A system used to polished rice will soon adjust itself to unpolished rice without difficulty. Only, unpolished rice being richer must be taken in smaller quanties than polished rice.

Why eat devitalised impoverished polished rice, when one can as well eat the richer and more wholesome unpolished rice?

Muslims & Maharashtra University Inquiry

POONA, April 6.

A largely attended meeting of the Governing Board of the Bombay Presidency Muslim Educational Conference was held here Maulana F. Hamdani of Surat presiding. The Board considered with deep regret the letter received from the Secretary to H. E. the Governor of Bombay in reply to the telegram sent to H. E. the Governor by the General Secretary regarding the exclusion of a Muslim from the Maharashtra University Enquiry Committee and found the reply most unsatisfactory. Consequently the Board authorised its General Secretary to take all possible steps to get into touch with the Anjumans and various Muslim educational institutions in the Presidency and to call a meeting of their representatives at an early date to consider the question involved. The Board by another resolution deplored the inadequate representation of Muslims in the higher branches of the Engineering Service.—A. P.

Tributes To Dr. Collaco

Valuable Services To City As Mayor

Tributes were paid to Dr. J. A. Collaco, the retiring Mayor, by the leader of the Congress Party as well as councillors of other parties for the valuable services rendered by him as Mayor during the past year.

Mr. S. K. Patil, leader of the Municipal Congress Party, moved the resolution "This Corporation desires to convey its best thanks to Dr. J. A. Collaco for the very valuable services rendered by him as Mayor of Bombay for the year 1941-42 and places on record its high appreciation of the zeal, ability, courtesy and tact with which he discharged the onerous duties of his office."

HIGH TRADITIONS OF OFFICE

Mr. S. K. Patil said he did not speak in his individual capacity but on behalf of all the sixty members of the Congress Party when he said that Dr. Collaco had displayed while carrying out his onerous duties of the Mayor, the highest principles of catholicity and Christianity viz: broadmindedness, forgiveness and tolerance.

Mr. Patil said, that Dr. Collaco had maintained the highest traditions of the best Mayors who presided over the Mayoral chair in the last fifty years. Whether in the Municipal Corporation or in the Legislative Assembly, Dr. Collaco had distinguished himself by sincerity, amiable nature and uprightness. He has set a good example for the other Mayors who will follow him to transact the business of the House expeditiously, and yet without giving any rebuff to any individual or any party!

Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas seconded the proposition and said without hesitation that there was not a single occasion during Dr. Collaco's regime when he gave cause for complaint. Whenever the debate got noisy, he kept up his high and humorous spirits, and cooled the heat of the House.

Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, Dr. G. R. A. Shaikh, Mr. Motichand Kapadia, Mr. N. C. Bharucha, Mr. Fateh Mahomed Munshi, Mr. I. S. Patel, Mr. Mohanlal Desai, Dr. Mascarenhas, Dr. P. H. Maheshri, Dr. Mrs. Malinibai Sukhtankar, Mr. K. H. Goregaokar, Khan Saheb M. E. Serang, Mr. Gordhandas Morarji, Mr. Jethmal Narandas, Mr. Nagindas Master, A. P. Sabawala and Mr. M. M. Bhat, supported the proposition.

The Municipal Commissioner said Dr. Collaco conducted the proceedings of the House expeditiously and methodically and always demonstrated his good temper. Perhaps, he said, that was due to his professional skill which stood him in good stead. He thanked Dr. Collaco for the cordial co-operation and advice.

Mr. Y. J. Meherally the Mayor, associated himself with the previous speakers and said, though he was only for a very short time in the Municipal Corporation last year, the very fact that 26 councillors representing all parties spoke so highly of Dr. Collaco showed how successfully he worked during his regime. He wished him long life and prosperity.

The Proposition was carried unanimously.

DR. COLLAOO THANKS ALL

Dr. Collaco thanked the House for the encomiums bestowed upon him, and said as Mayor, he belonged to no party, and members of all parties co-operated with him to make his path smooth. He thanked the Municipal Commissioner for his co-operation, support and advise, and also Mr. Damle, the Municipal Secretary, Mr. Mody the Assistant Commissioner whom he described as encyclopaedia of the Bombay Municipality, Mr. De Souza the Deputy Secretary and other members of the staff for the help they extended to him.

Ceylon Socialist Detenus' Escape

COLOMBO, April 9.

According to a report from Kandy, four Sama Samajist Socialist detenus who were in detention barracks in Kandy escaped early this morning. They are Doctor Colvin DeSilva, Barrister-at-law, Doctor N. M. Pereira and D. P. R. Gunawardene (both members of the State Council) and E. Samarakkody Proctor.—A. P.

MUTT AND JEFF—We'll Have to Call Mr. Morgenthau About This — By BUD FISHER

WELL, I DID IT! MUTT! I WENT IN AND SAW THE BOSS AND I KICKED ABOUT MY PAY!
GOOD! WHAT CHA SAY?
I SAID, "SEE HERE, MR. GINKLE, I'M WORKING HERE AS LONG AS MUTT! HE DOESN'T DO NOTHIN' AND I DO TWICE AS MUCH, AND HE GETS A DOLLAR MORE A WEEK THAN ME!"
I SAID, "I DON'T SEE WHY I SHOULDN'T GET JUST AS MUCH AS MUTT!"
WHAT DID HE SAY?
HE SAID I WAS RIGHT! HE SAID WE WERE TWO NICE BOYS—
SO HE CALLED UP THE PAYMASTER AN' TOLD HIM TO CUT A DOLLAR A WEEK OFF YOUR PAY!
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MILL PRICE-FIXING ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

Traders Await Decision On Disposition Of 1941 Stocks

ADDITIONAL CLOTH ORDERS

Bombay, April 9

On Wednesday, the New York cotton market was mainly steady on Mill demand against Government orders. Traders are awaiting Washington developments.

C. C. C. APPOINTMENT

The Agricultural Secretary Mr. Wickard has announced the appointment of Mr. Oscar Johnson as a special representative of Commodity Credit Corporation. In addition to assisting Commodity Credit Corporation of the cotton programme, Johnson will assist supervision of foreign operations and will formulate a plan to increase international cotton trade after the war. Local traders find the appointment constructive recalling the efficiency with which Johnson liquidated huge quantities of Government pooled stocks eight years ago in a rising market.

NEW YORK MARKET

Mill price-fixing and trade and spot houses buying after additional cloth contract awards by the Government absorbed profit-taking, hedging and local selling. Traders are awaiting Washington developments connected with disposition of 1941 loan stocks and the opening of bids for Commodity Credit Corporation April sales scheduled at noon on April 13. The market closed steady.

At the opening July was quoted 2 points up at 19.60 which was the lowest level for the day and there being active Mill demand. July rose to 19.73 which was the highest level reached during the first hour. The market remained very steady and finally closed at a net rise of 10 to 14 points. Spot cotton prices gained 10 points at 21.32c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was very steady on renewed buying and closed at a rise of 13 to 15 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 15 points at 20.27c. per lb.

LOCAL SITLATION

Messrs. Anandilal Podar and Co state: Yesterday cotton opened higher following overnight's Government announcement over the War Risk Insurance on factories Molerate speculative selling was absorbed by spot interests. The May Broach tenders were 19,600 bales. The steadiness in cotton was attributed to more optimistic political reports from Delhi, recovery in local shares, active measures adopted in the Price Control Conference to reduce cotton production this season and the possibility of E. I. C. Board adopting yesterday the amended new hedge contract, whereby the new 11/16 inch staple contract will be adopted instead of the "fair average quality of the season". The ready market maintained its recent improved activity and with the expected larger export clearances shortly, the local stocks are expected to be appreciably reduced.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York July highest (16-51 a.m.) ..... 19.73+15
New York July lowest (10 a.m.) ..... 19.60+02

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Mill buying against Government orders. Market very steady.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, April 8

May	19.58+10
July	19.72+14
October	19.88+13
December	19.92+11
January	19.95+12
March	20.03+11
Midding Spot	21.32+10

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, April 8

May	19.62+15
July	19.76+13
October	20.13+14
December	20.18+15
January	20.19+15
March	20.28+15
Middling Spot	20.27+15

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL
New York, April 8

May	19.53
July	19.65
October	19.83

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, April 9

Following a rise of 14 points in New York cotton futures, the local market opened very steady at Rs. 176 for Broach J/A delivery and advanced to Rs. 176/12 under moderate support. At this level there appeared some realising and prices reacted and stood at Rs. 175/8.

It is generally believed cotton is the cheapest among commodities in this country and there is a fair amount of investment support but speculative element is still feeling shy. Moreover several members are unwilling to book business and trading is becoming narrow.

Later on there was increased buying influenced by encouraging news from Delhi about settlement and prices steadily kept on hardening and Broach J/A was quoted Rs. 179/4. The market closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

BROACH April/May	Rs.	159 12 0
BROACH July/August		178 8 0
OOMRA May		141 0 0
OOMRA July		153 0 0
BENGAL May		129 0 0
BENGAL July		134 8 0

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, April 9

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G Bengal U P		133	130	127	124
M G Punjab		133	130	127	124
M G Rajputana		139	136	133	130
M G Oomra No. 3	145	142	139	136	
M G C P No. 1	179	176	173	170	
M G C P No. 2	158	155	152	149	
M G Broach No. 2		162	159	156	153
M G Punjab-American		237	234	231	228
M G Surat		292	289	286	283
M G Rajpipla		289	286	283	280
M G Navsari		295	292	289	286

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, April 9

	Old.	Ready
Bengal Fine	117-20	129/32
Berar	120-23	140/43
C P. 1	130-33	170/72
C P 2	124-26	148/50
Khandesh	84-98	123/26
Muglai	102-10	131/33
Broach	110-18	159/61
Broach Low	95-102	.....

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, April 9

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY
Since 1st Sept.

In full-pressed bales.

	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Khandesh	90	75,740	94,751
Central India	5	29,501	123,508
Barsi and Nagar	493	49,741	100,939
Hyderabad/Gaorani	.....	11,952	36,128
Berar	132	173,546	337,173
Central Provinces	188	82,773	71,225
Total Oomras	908	423,353	768,824
Dholeras	201	30,506	67,483
N W Provinces	.....	1,021	1,202
Rajputana	.....	378	5,161
Sind Punjab	2,428	383,670	451,597
Broach	3,394	295,974	110,453
Coompta & Dharwar	26	8,598	46,752
Western-Northerns	..	8,456	48,600
Cocoanada	.....	.....	239
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	99	9,779	1,563
Total	7,060	1 161,734	1,503,974
Arrived by road to 2nd April 1942	.....	90,500	253,133

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, April 9

Wheat May		0	3 9
Linseed May		0	3 9
Groundnut May		1	10 0
Castorseed May		1	12 0
Cottonseed May		0	12 0

COTTON PARITY

Broach April/May below New York May 1,359 cent points at exchange 331

Broach July/August below New York July 1,298 cent points at exchange 331

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, April 8

Broach April/May highest 156 lowest 153 closing 154

Broach July/August highest 176 1/2 lowest 172 3/4 closing 173 1/2

Oomra May highest 138 lowest 137 closing 138

Oomra July highest 150 lowest 148 1/2 closing 150

Bengal May highest 127 1/2 lowest 126 1/2 closing 127

Bengal July highest 133 lowest 131 1/2 closing 132 1/2

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Restricted Business And Narrow Fluctuations

Bombay, April 9

The local market was quietly steady with restricted business of a mixed nature. Prices fluctuated within a narrow range and traders are inclined to await new developments.

Tata Steel Defds. opened at Rs. 1160 on cash basis and after declining to Rs. 1150 improved to Rs. 1165. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 220 and hardened to Rs. 223. In forward Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 1290 and improved to Rs. 1310 and ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 244. Century Mill shares were placed at Rs. 369 and Bombay Dyeing shares were quoted at Rs. 1910. Bellapurs were done at Rs. 219 and associated Cement shares were quoted at Rs. 157.

Wall Street market was discouraged by war news and the application of new controls to industry but rubbers and industrials advanced. The trend was uneven and a fair number of leaders were a trifle ahead but later there was a thinning out of support with fractional declines. However speculators were encouraged that the market was able to cling to a substantial part of the gains in the past week. U. S. Steel shares declined 3/8 at 49 3/4. Anaconda Coppers lost 1/4 at 25 1/4 and General Motors closed 1/8 down at 34 5/4 dollars.

TEXTILES
Bombay, April 9

100	Ahmedabad Advance	298	12
250	BOMBAY DYEING	1005	0
100	CENTURY	382	0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	325	0
100	Colaba X.D.	151	8
100	Coorla	120	0
250	Dawn	530	0
250	David	300	0
1	E. D. Sassoon Defd	2	5
100	FINLAY	190	0
100	GOKAK	239	0
1000	Hindustan	2282	8
100	Indore	243	2
100	Khatau	214	6
100	KOHINOOR X. D.	415	0
250	LAXMI	655	0
100	Madhusudan	320	0
100	MORARJI	470	0
250	Model	220	0
50	MYSORE	125	0
200	NEW GREAT X.D.	240	0
100	Podar X. D.	170	0
100	Phoenix	385	0
25	Sassoon Silk	81	0
1000	Sholapur	5225	0
50	SIMPLEX	160	0
100	SWADESHI	380	0
100	SWAN	180	0
500	Vishnu	1550	0
1000	Western	1550	0
	BANKS		
50-100	Baroda X.D.	13	8
25-50	Central India X. D.	40	4
500	Imperial	1407	8
125-500	Imp. Cont.	345	0
50-100	India X. D.	132	8
100	Reserve Bank	94	8
5	Union X. D.	5	14
	CEMENTS		
100	ASSOCIATED X. D	156	8
	INSURANCE		
15-75	New India	40	0
100	Empire	700	0
15-100	Jupiter	13	4
20	Mercantile	60	0
200	Oriental	3450	0
10-50	Vulcan	8	0
	ELECTRIC		
100	Ahmedabad Old X.D.	164	6
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1510	0
10	Ajmer	13	1
50	BOMBAY TRAMS	129	0
100	Bombay Suburban	170	0
10	Broach	13	6
100	Karachi	196	0
100	Poona	217	0
100	Surat	170	0
100	TATA HYDRO	153	0
1000	TATA POWER	1320	0
	RAILWAYS		
500	Ahmedabad Prantij X.D.	845	0
100	C. Province	104	0
100	Dhond Baramati	104	4
100	Gujarat	102	0
100	Mandra Bhon	100	0
100	Pachora Jamner	92	8
100	Sara Sirajganj	95	8
500	Tapti Valley X. D.	617	8
	MININGS		
9	Burma Corporation	1	10
Rsh.	Indian Copper	1	8
10	Indian Iron and Steel	22	0
30	SHIVRAJPUR	30	8
10	Mukund Iron	13	15
40	TATA STEEL DEFD	1305	0
75	TATA STEEL ORD	244	0
10	Steel Corporation	13	6
	MISCELLANEOUS		
100	ALCOCK	425	0
10	Air Services	3	0
60	BELAPUR SUGAR	225	0
200	Bombay Safe Deposit	650	0
250	BOMBAY STEAM	316	0
100	B. BURMA	215	0
50	Contributory	60	0
Rsh.	Br. B. Petrol	1	6
100	IND. BLEACHING	140	0
80	Ind. Invest Trust X.D.	45	8
100	Indian Radio Def	360	0
100	Indian Radio Ord	340	0
50	Port Canning	72	0
30	PREMIER CONSTRUCTION	107	0
15	Scindia	17	10
24	Tata Oil	42	8
24	Tata Chemical	12	12
100	Wimco	201	4
	PREFERENCE		
7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1502	0
6	p.c. Bom. Steam	317	8
7	p.c. Bom. Tram. (T.F.) X.D.	72	8
5	p.c. Central India (T.F.)	665	0
6	1/4 p.c Premier Const. 1st	112	0
6	1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 2nd X.D.	106	0
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	146	4
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Power	1523	12
5	p.c. Tata Steel 1st	180	0
7	1/2 per cent Tata Steel 2nd	110	8
7	p.c Vishnu	715	0
	DEBENTURES		
4	p.c. Andhra Valley Deb	100	0
4	p.c Bom. Telephone	48	0
5	p.c Morarji	103	6
5	p.c. Sholapur	71	8
4	p.c Tata Power Deb.	105	8

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, April 9

2 3/4 per cent 1948-52 93
3 1/2 per cent G. P. Notes 88/1
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 94/1
3 per cent 1949/52 Loan 95/4
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 103
4 per cent 1945 Bonds 101/14
3 per cent War Bonds 98
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 97/14
4 1/2 per cent 1958 Loan 107/8
TAX FREE LOANS
5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 106/1
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore 110
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 120 N
CORPORATION DEBENTURES
4 per cent B P T 1947 98
4 per cent M Deb 1947 101
5 per cent M Deb 1959 109
5 per cent M Deb 1954 120
5 per cent K P T 1956 115
Tone:—Steady

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, April 9

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 2 months Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Three months Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Four months
B C Rates:—T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32: D D 1/6 5/32
NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs 332 3/4: D D Rs 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs 329 1/2: D D Rs 326 1/2
MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs 302 1/2: D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs 297 1/4: D D Rs 299 3/4
BERNE
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4: D D nil
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2: D D nil
STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T K 123: D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128: D D K 128
MEXICO
Banks selling T T Rs 67.27: D D Rs 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs 63.04: D D Rs 62.04
LISBON
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nominal: D D Esc 7.35 nominal
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55: D D Esc 7.55
AUSTRALIA:—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8: D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T nil: D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady
Gold £8-8-0 Ready
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready: 23 1/2 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money:—Call 1/2 per cent
and 2 months 3/4 per cent.
3 months 1 per cent
6 to 9 months 1 1/4 per cent
Tone:—Steady.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, banking department as on the 3rd April 1942.

LIABILITIES—

	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Govt. of India	4,82,94,000
(2) Government of Burma	47,04,000
(3) Other Government Accounts	12,02,20,000
(b) Banks	41,25,61,000
(c) Others	1,72,34,000
Bills Payable	3,46,86,000
Other Liabilities	4,15,67,000
Rupees	77,92,66,000

ASSETS:

	Rs.
Notes:—	
(a) Legal Tender in India	12,20,83,000
(b) Legal Tender in Burma only	1,25,000
Rupee Coin	4,65,000
Subsidiary Coin	4,05,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
(a) Internal	—
(b) External	—
(c) Government Treasury Bills	1,33,83,000
Balances held abroad*	19,22,06,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	—
Other Loans and Advances	50,000
Investments	9,42,58,000
Other Assets	5,62,81,000
Rupees	77,92,66,000

*Includes Cash and Short term Securities.

An Account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 for the week ended the 3rd day of April 1942.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES—

	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	12,22,08,000
Notes in circulation:—	
(a) Legal Tender in India	388,32,24,000
(b) Legal Tender in Burma only	28,33,32,000
Total Notes issued	428,87,64,000
Total Liabilities	428,87,64,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 64.416 per cent.

ASSETS:

	Rs.
A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
(a) Held in India	44,41,43,000
(b) Held outside India	—
Sterling Securities	231,85,11,000
Total of A	276,26,54,000
B. Rupee Coin	27,35,00,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	125,26,10,000
Internal Bills of Exchange and other commercial Paper	—
Total Assets	428,87,64,000

Imperial Bank Of India

Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 3rd April 1942.

LIABILITIES.

CAPITAL:—	Rs.	Rs.
Authorised— 2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Issued and Subscribed —2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Called up—75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, fully paid	3,75,00,000	
1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each. Rs.		
125 paid	1,87,50,000	5,62,50,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares	5,62,50,000	
Reserve Fund		5,62,50,000
Fixed Deposit Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts		119,24,96,000
Loans against Securities per contra		—
Acceptances for Constituents		—
Sundries		86,95,0000
Rupees		131,36,91,000

ASSETS.

INVESTMENTS:—	Rs.	Rs.
Government Securities	64,78,15,000	
Other Authorised Investments	1,29,21,000	66,07,36,000
ADVANCES:—		
Loans	9,26,83,000	
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	24,64,32,000	
Bills Discounted and Purchased	7,93,71,000	41,84,86,000
Liability of Constituents for Acceptances per contra		—
Dead Stock		1,80,17,000
Sundries		79,34,000
Bullion		—
CASH—		
In hand and with Reserve Bank of India	18,78,96,000	
Balances with other Banks	2,06,22,000	20,85,18,000
Rupees		131,36,91,000

LONDON EXCHANGES

London April 8

T T London on:—
New York sellers 4.02 1/2 buyers 4.03 1/2
Madrid official 40.5 voluntary rate 46.55
Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47
Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4
Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, April 9

The market ruled fairly steady to-day with minor fluctuations. Tata Deferreds moved between 1145 and 1175 and closed at 1165. Tata Ordinaries were steady around 226. Bombay Dyeings were better off at 1925. Indian Irons were quoted at 21-14.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day:

Tata Deferreds (1165) 1150 1145 1175 1165
Tata Ordinaries (223) 220 226
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14th Week (ended April 8th):

1940	8,667,300
1941	14,913,300
1942	17,442,588
Total for 14 Weeks (1st Jan. to date):	
1940	176,348,700
1941	249,999,900
1942	263,493,505

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, April 9

Copper sheets lb. 21 Rs. 123 28 120 35 118 42 117 49-56 116

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Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 75 Rosita Rs. 72 Country make Rs. 59 Piglead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 30 per cwt.

Tin Ingot Penang Rs. 83/8 per qr.

SETTLEMENT RATES

Copper sheets Ashad Rs. 117

Market tone: Practically no business in forward market remained steady.

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, April 9

Fine White Java sugar per cwt:—
Ready from bonds Rs. 19-4-0
Indian:—
Small grain Rs. 19-2-0 to 19-12-0
Large grain Rs. 19-12-0 to 20-8-0
Chinai Leesa Rs. 31-0-0
Bombay Group May delivery Rs. 14-4-0 per Bengal Maund.

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, April 9

Yellow metal sheet ..... Rs. 104 0 0
Copper sheets ..... Rs. 117 0 0
Tone:—Steady.

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, April 9

Groundnuts May—			
Opening	Rs.	41	12 0
Highest		42	3 6
Lowest		41	10 6
Closing		42	3 0
Castorseeds May—			
Opening		41	10 0
Highest		41	14 0
Lowest		41	10 0
Closing		41	14 0
Cottonseeds May—			
Opening		24	12 0
Highest		24	13 0
Lowest		24	9 6
Closing		24	13 0

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, April 9

On Wednesday, London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York.

London Spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d and New York Spot silver was also unchanged at 35 1/8 cents. London Bombay spot and forward silver parity was Rs. 62-10-3. The local market was weak to-day on increased selling. There was absence of any demand and quotations were as under:

GOLD

Ready	Rs.	50	10 0
Vaishakh		50	4 0
Sovereigns		38	4 0
SILVER			
Ready		84	8 0
Vaishakh		80	4 0

LONDON SILVER
London April 8

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD
London April 8

Gold Bars Fine per ounce	£8-8-0

LONDON WHEAT
London April 8

Rozario Santa Fe April/May quoted	22/6
Barletta Russo April/May quoted	22/7 1/2
Australian Wheat old crop April/May quoted	22/6

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London April 8

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£64
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£101 1/8
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£83 1/4
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£106 1/4
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£105 13/16
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£114 3/8
Victory bonds 4 per cent	£113 1/2
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£5 1/2
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg)	£49
National Bank of India	£23 1/2

CALCUTTA SHARE MARKET

Calcutta, April 9.
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Share market business was practically on a much restricted scale all through the day and the undertone continued quiet but steady.

Following are final transactions up to 2 p.m.—

Government securities:—Three per cent, Defence Loan (1949/52) 96/3 small lot, three and a half per cent Government Paper 87/12. Three and a half per cent Loan (1947/50) 97/14 small lot, five per cent Loan (1945/55) 104/13 small lot.

Banks:—Reserve Bank 91.

Cotton:—New Victoria (pref) 7/6.

Miscellaneous:—Indian Copper 1/10, Indian Iron and Steel 21/14, Steel Corpn. (ord.) 13/16, (pref) 91, B. I. Corpn. (ord) 4/10 ct ex div. (pref) 159 ex div Star Paper 13/8, Humayun property (pref) 7/6.

Sugar shares—Cawnpore (pref) 150, Murree Brewery 15.

Debentures:—Six per cent (1908/48), Howrah Amta Rly. Debs 104/8 small lot.

Colombo Quotations

Colombo, April 8.

Rubber sheet 54 3/4. Crepe fifty-six. Yesterday's closing same. Copra closed owing to absence of buyers coconut oil f.o.b. 53,500 nominal.

Share market doomo tea 10, uplands tea 8 1/2, Golida tea rubber 6, Saffragam rubber tea 92 1/2. Talapgawella rubber tea 6 1/2, Walaboda tea rubber 75.

LINSEED AND WHEAT

Bombay, April 9

Linseed May	Rs.	12	3
Wheat May		7	7 6

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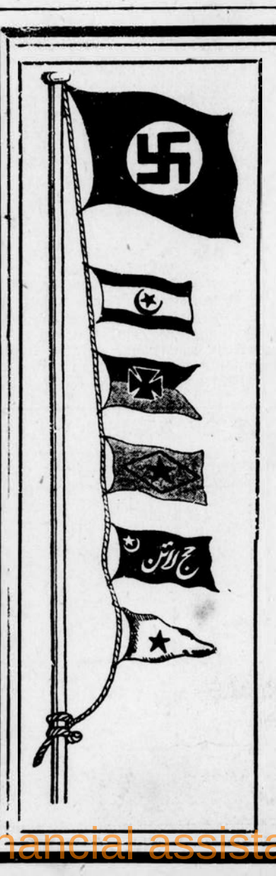

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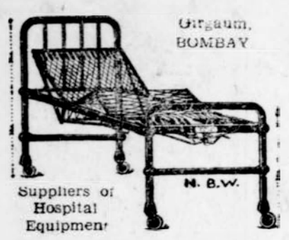

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A. I. MOMINS CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE DEMANDS MODIFICATION OF CRIPPS' PROPOSALS

NEW DELHI, April 8.

The Committee of the All-India Momin Conference has adopted a resolution declaring that the Cripps' proposals fall short of the aspirations of the Muslim masses and are not acceptable unless modified.

The Committee firmly believes that the solidarity, integrity and unity of India is vitally essential for the common good of the Indian people and especially in the best interests of the Muslims of India.

PLEA FOR "FULL SELF-RULE"

The Committee cannot, however lose sight of the fact that a section of the Muslims is against the introduction of a single unitary system of Government in this country apprehending such a system to be detrimental to the interests of the Muslims residing in the Muslim majority provinces. But the Committee, being conscious of the fact that the fear and apprehensions of such Muslims are the outcome of the mutual distrust and suspicion of the communities inhabiting this country, has full belief that such communal dissensions and animosities as exist at present will completely disappear with the establishments of full self-rule in India.

CREATING SEVERAL "ULSTERS"

The Committee holds that the proposal relating to the option given to the provinces to keep out of the proposed Indian Union has been ingeniously devised inasmuch as, its practical effect would inevitably be to create several 'Ulsters' within India.

The Committee opines that the constitution making body, as envisaged by the proposals, would reflect the opinion of only ten per cent. of the inhabitants of India and can, therefore, hardly be called a democratic body.

Stressing the need for transfer of control of India's defence to Indians, the Committee declares that the masses must be made to feel that this war is being fought in the interest of India and that it is their own war.

"MUST BE MODIFIED"

The Committee considers that the proposals are absolutely unsatisfactory and fall short of the aspirations of the Muslim masses and regards them as quite unacceptable unless they are modified in the manner suggested below:—

1. That no province be allowed to keep out of the Indian Union unless the scheme of one single Indian Union were given a fair trial for full ten years.

2. That instead of allowing the existing lower houses of the provinces to nominate representatives to the constitution-making body, provision be made to constitute that body by electing its members by means of adult franchise:

3. That the control of the Defence of India be forthwith transferred entirely into Indian hands; and 4. That the peoples of the Indian states be given the right to elect representatives to the constitution-making body.—A. P.

NEW DELHI:—The westbound foreign sea-mails comprising the postings between January 24 and 30, 1942 have been lost as a result of enemy action.

Marshall's London Visit May Be Precursor To Another Front

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, April 9.

The arrival of the U.S. Army Chief, Gen. Marshall, has created a squall of rumours that a second front is to be opened shortly, but experienced unofficial observers believe the scope of his talks here will be world-wide and not confined to any specific front.

German defensive preparations from Narvik to Bordeaux amply prove that the possibility of an Allied offensive in Europe cannot be ruled out. Every rule of strategy dictates that an offensive should be begun this Spring while Hitler is forced to throw the flower of his army against Russia.

Gen. Marshall's visit, coinciding with Standley's arrival in Russia, is believed to be part of a co-ordinated plan to link Anglo-American military action with that of Russia.

Canada To Raise Guerilla Army

OTTAWA, April 8.

The Canadian Defence Minister Col. Ralston announced on Wednesday that a guerilla army would be formed to deal with Japanese parachutists in the event of raids on the Pacific coast.

He stated that 40 Guerilla units would be organised from Lumberjacks and other workers in more isolated parts of British Colombia immediately and this number would be increased to 150 later.

Col. Ralston also announced that a battle training school would be established in western Canada to instruct commando and anti-parachute units.

NO LIMITS TO NAZI AMBITIONS

(From Our Correspondent).

MONTE VIDEO, April 9.

Judge Julio Cesar de Gregorio, investigator of Anti-subversive activities, told the United Press that the Brazilian Government had confiscated a map showing the entire River Plate basin as German-dominated.

Reporting to the Uruguayan Supreme Court on trip made to Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, he said the Brazilian police showed him a map with the state of Rio Grande do Sul and the Argentine provinces of Missiones, Corrientes, Buenos Aires, Santa Fe, and Parana, and also the whole of Uruguay as "points of future German domination".

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

Mr. N. G. Patel to officiate as District Deputy Collector, Thana, vice Mr. S. D. Nargolwala, I.C.S.,

Mr. H. A. Khan, Personal Assistant to the Collector of Thana, to hold charge of Bhiwandi prant in the interval between Mr. Nargolwala's departure on leave and the arrival of Mr. Patel.

Mr. Din Dayal Gupta is appointed to the temporary post of Assistant Plant Pathologist, on probation for a year.

Mr. J. B. Bowman, I.C.S., Assistant Collector, Dharwar, is granted leave on average pay for 18 days from 1st April 1942.

Mr. G. S. Rajadhyaksha I.C.S., District and Sessions Judge Ahmedabad, is granted leave from 8th April 1942.

Dr R. S. Tirodkar, M.B.E., M.D. (Lond.), Professor of Medicine, Grant Medical College and Hon. Physician, J. J. Hospital, Bombay, is granted leave from 2nd March 1942.

Grave Charge Against Bose

Cripps Asserts He Is Co-Operating With Enemy Powers

NAGPUR, April 9.

The refusal to receive a representative of the Forward Bloc in connection with the present negotiations regarding the setting up of a National Government in India is contained in a letter sent by the Secretary of Sir Stafford Cripps to Mr. R. S. Ruikar, Acting President of the All-India Forward Bloc.

Mr. Ruikar in a letter to Sir Stafford Cripps on March 25 expressed pain and surprise that hundreds of Forward Bloc workers and office bearers were in jail without trial and charge when negotiations were being conducted. Mr. Ruikar said that Indian freedom should not be tacked to any support of the present war-effort. "England must rely on the intrinsic righteousness of her own cause to persuade India to join her as an ally against the forces of reaction and aggression, and in the confidence that a free and independent India will not hesitate to cast her full weight on the side of world democracy and freedom consistent with its own national safety."

Replying on March 28, Sir Stafford Cripps' Secretary wrote that Sir Stafford Cripps "regrets that owing to the fact that the President of your organisation has been actively co-operating with enemy powers, he is unable to receive representatives of the All-India Forward Bloc."

In a subsequent letter, Mr. Ruikar wanted to know whether the charge of helping the enemy was against Mr. Subhas Bose, and if so, what was the proof.

Sir Stafford Cripps' Secretary replied in the affirmative, and said Mr. Bose's co-operation with the enemy powers is a fact, and that he has more than once broadcast to India over enemy radio within the last month. Sir Stafford Cripps' Secretary added that Sir Stafford Cripps had no objection to the correspondence being published.—A. P.

Nabha And Sarat Bose To Be Interned In The Punjab?

(From Our Correspondent)

LAHORE, April 9.

It is learnt on good authority that transfer of the Maharaja of Nabha and Mr. Sarat Bose now interned in Madras under the active consideration of the Government of India to some place in the Punjab. The Maharaja of Nabha may be interned in some village in his State.

MRS. SARAT BOSE VISITS HUSBAND IN JAIL

MADRAS, April 9.

Mrs. Sarat Chandra Bose who arrived in Mercara with her son and daughter interviewed Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose on Sunday and Monday last, according to a report in the 'Hindu' from Mercara.—A P.

Huge Cotton Blaze At Wardha

WARDHA, April 9.

A fire broke out in a cotton godown when, inspite of efforts since last night, cotton bales are still burning to-day at 10 a.m. Damage is estimated at about two lakhs.—A. P.

About 2,000 candidates registered for the ensuing matriculation examination of Calcutta University from different centres in Chittagong, are expected to appear from Dacca in view of the emergency conditions.

WAR INJURIES SCHEME

Bombay Govt. Appoints Claims Officers

The Chief Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Bombay, and all First Class Subordinate Judges at district headquarters towns have been appointed by the Government of Bombay to be "Claims Officers" under the War Injuries Scheme, 1942. The Superintendent of the J. J. Group of Hospitals Bombay, and all Civil Surgeons will be "Medical Authorities" for the purposes of the War Injuries Regulations.

The scheme, as already announced, provides for relief to "gainfully occupied" persons over the age of 15 who sustain war injuries or to their dependents in the event of death.

"Claims Officers," who are required to decide claims for relief, will receive direct information from first-aid posts, dispensaries and hospitals to enable them to pass orders for relief without delay.

The Bombay Government has prescribed all Government hospitals and dispensaries in the Province and all Municipal hospitals and dispensaries in Bombay city as the hospitals and dispensaries in which free medical and surgical treatment will be available under the scheme.

Steps have also been taken to recognise private organisations, if any, which come within the categories mentioned in Schedule I—para 2—of the War Injuries Scheme.

Egypt's Ex-Premier Arrested

CAIRO, April 8.

Egypt's ex-Premier Aly Maher Pasha is being placed under arrest.

A communique issued by the Council of Ministers on Wednesday night states that for reasons relating to the safety and security of the state the present Prime Minister Nahas Pasha, as Military Governor, has decided to arrest Aly Maher Pasha, ex-Premier and former Chief of the Royal Cabinet.

Muslim Women's Confidence In League

ALLAHABAD, April 7.

The Women's sub-committee of the All-India Muslim League at its annual meeting held here passed the following resolutions:—"This session of the Sub-committee of the All-India Muslim League calls upon its members to refrain from becoming members of any political organisation, the aims and objects of which are divergent from those of the All-India Muslim League. This Committee emphatically repudiates the claim of the All-India Women's Conference to represent the Muslim women who recogniso no other body except the All-India Muslim League, which is the only authoritative and representative organisation of the Muslim nation.

Another resolution expressing and reiterating the full confidence in the leadership of Qaid-e-Azam Mr. M. A. Jinnah was also passed assuring him that Muslim women will not lag behind to make any sacrifices that they may be called upon to make.—A. P

BAN ON WHEAT EXPORT WITHDRAWN

LUCKNOW, April 9.

It is reliably understood that the ban imposed by the U. P. Government on the export of wheat and other cereals to places outside this province has been withdrawn.—A. P.

Indo-Sino Transport

Elephants, Camels And Mules Kept Ready

(From Our Correspondent)

CHUNGKING, April 9:—Thousands of elephants, camels, mules and horses are kept in reserve to open the three transport routes between China and India. Survey parties on the three routes are at present blazing trails through the snow-covered mountains in north-west Burma and north-east India.

ANKARA TRIAL POSTPONED

Russians To Go Through All Documents

ANKARA, April 9.

The trial of the accused in connection with the recent bomb explosion, in which the German Ambassador von Papen had a narrow escape, has been postponed till April 15th for three reasons;

Firstly, to enable the Russians to go through the documents with an official interpreter;

Secondly, to enable them to obtain the services of a Turkish legal adviser who will give them as much help in defence as they want; and

Thirdly, the Russians claimed that they must read all evidence before witnesses are called and point out that the list of witnesses was only given them at noon yesterday.—Reuter

GREEKS FLEEING FROM NAZI OPPRESSION SHIP-WRECKED

ISTANBUL, April 9.

It is reported from Smyrna that a motor-boat containing 236 Greeks from the Islands of Samosechios and Syria fleeing from Italo-German oppression and famine, wrecked in storm on the reefs of the Island Kanliada.

Only 29 managed to save themselves by swimming to the Turkish shore; 207 are missing, mostly women, children and old men.

It is feared that all have perished.

Another boat with 81 Greeks met similar fate. Only 27 were saved.—Reuter.

NIGHT BLACKOUT IN POONA

POONA, April 9.

In order to indicate the exact time of the coming into effect of the night "blackout" in Poona as also to serve as a test of the sirens themselves the daily sounding of the "all-clear" signal which was heretofore done at 9 a. m. in the morning will, according to an order of the District Magistrate, Poona, be henceforth done daily at 10-30 p. m. The order will come into effect from and inclusive of the night of Saturday (11th April).—A. P.

Civil Pioneer Force For Bihar

PATNA, April 7.

Bihar will soon have a civil pioneer force consisting of fourteen officers and 1,207 men, states a press note.

"The officers will be selected from persons having military or police experience and ability to handle labour.

Under the civil pioneer force ordinance, it will be force's duty to carry out the construction or demolition of buildings, the clearing of debris, the salvage of property and the rescue of human beings to carry out constructional work on roads, buildings, docks and aerodromes, to load or unload transport vehicles and as well as to render such services as in the opinion of the central or provincial Government are necessary or expedient, for the purpose aforesaid.

The civil pioneer force in Bihar will be liable to service in Bihar but it may under orders of the Government of India, be sent out to any part of British India.—A. P.

No Surrender To Homily Or Threat

Jawahar's Crushing Rejoinder To Halifax And U. S Press

NEW DELHI, April 9

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in a statement to the press says: "I have refrained from saying much about the American press comments on the present Indian situation.

"I have looked to America with considerable admiration and goodwill. I wish her success in her present endeavour. Nevertheless I must say that many of the American press comments have amazed me, and I can only understand them on the basis of American ignorance of conditions in India. We have had long homilies and patronising advice as to what is good for us and what is not. There has been sometimes an element of threat, in case we do not accept that advice. The advice of friends is always welcome and worthy of consideration. But we are not used to patronage from any country or people, and we do not shape our policy on the basis of superior homilies or threats.

"In this world situation fraught with peril, it is right that we should consult each other and find a way out to the common advantage of a common cause. But I want to make it clear that we have issued no appeals to any body or asked for anyone's intervention.

NO S. O. S. TO ROOSEVELT

"For my part, I admire President Roosevelt and consider that he has been shouldering a very great burden worthily. I think he will inevitably play a great part in the future. But we have not asked for his intervention in our problems, for we realise that the burden is ours, and we must shoulder it. We have shouldered it against the might of a great empire during these last twenty-two years, and we have not bowed down to superior might, in spite of pains and penalties. We propose to stand erect in future, also whatever happens. We realise that the achievement of freedom for India, which we have desired so passionately and worked for during these long years, is our business. If we are strong enough to achieve it, we shall do so. If not, we shall fail. We rely ultimately on ourselves only and on no others, though the co-operation of others in a worthy task is always welcome.

"Col. Louis Johnson has taken a friendly interest in our problem of to-day, and we are grateful to him for it. But it will be unfair to him and unfair to us to imagine that the burden of any decision or of intervention is cast upon him.

REJOINDER TO HALIFAX

"We have had sufficient experience of British statesmanship in India and elsewhere. Whatever the war may have done, there has been little difference in the tone or voice of the most eminent of the British leaders. Lord Halifax, whom we know well in India, still continues to sermonise us of old and to tell us how insignificant we are in this great land of India. Perhaps so. Then, why trouble about us or come to us with proposals? Lord Halifax is pleased with what his people have done here. Let him live in his complaisant world and leave us to our resources and sorrows. But whatever happens, we will not give up our objective of independence and complete freedom for India. Our allegiance is to the Indian people and to no one else, and in their service and for India's freedom, we shall labour and if necessary, die".—A. P

125 Rly. Accidents In Three Months

Anti-Nazi Temper In Belgium Rising

LONDON, April 9.

The temper of the Belgians is rapidly changing from passive resistance to active sabotage, the Belgian Government Press Liaison Officer and former Minister of Labour and Health, M. Arthur Wauters, said at Bristol on Wednesday night.

"They become more bitter every day. They are starving so they have nothing to lose. The Quislings are being murdered. Three were killed and others wounded in one place alone this week.

The industrial output is dropping steadily and there have been 125 railway accidents in three months."—Reuter.

ISLAMIC RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

Two New Books To Be Published

The ninth annual general meeting of the Islamic Research Association was held on Wednesday in the rooms of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, Town Hall.

Mr. Ali Mohamed Maeklai presided. Minutes of the 8th annual general meeting and the special general meeting were confirmed and the 9th annual report for 1941 and the statement of accounts for 1940 were adopted.

After the annual general meeting, Principal A. A. A Fyzee gave a short account of his book, "A Shi'ite Creed", which was in the press and would shortly be published in the I. R. A series. It is a translation, with introduction, notes and indexes of the "Risalatu'l I'tiqadat" of the celebrated divine Shaykh Saduq, Muhammad b. Ali Ibn Babawayhi.

The author is one of the pillars of the Shia Ithna Ashari school; he is the author of one of the "Four Books" (died, A. H. 381 eq. A. D. 991). The creed itself is the earliest known creed of the Shi'ite, therefore an adequate translation, with comparative notes will prove useful for the study of Muslim dogmatics and law. It will also pave the way for legal, historical and sociological research.

The University of Bombay has made a grant of Rs. 200 towards its publication, and the Oxford University Press will shortly publish it for the Islamic Research Association.

Mr. W. Ivanov gave an idea of his book, now being published by the Association,—"Ismaili Tradition concerning the Rise of the Fatimids". It offers, for the first time, a collection of the materials contained in the secret religious literature of the Ismaili sect, the different branches of which are represented in Bombay by the Khojas and Bohras. The dynasty of the Fatimids, which ruled in N. Africa and Egypt for almost 260 years (909—1171), made a great contribution to Islamic culture. The book, which is expected to be out if nothing special happens, within a few months, contains extracts from the original Arabic works, their translations, criticism, etc. It is appearing as No. 10 in the series of works on Islamic matters, inaugurated nearly ten years ago by the Islamic Research Association.

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